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MINNESOTA'S CREW LACKED EXPERIENCE

One of Engineers Pumped
Overboard 16,000 Gallons
of Fresh Water

SEVEN OF CREW WERE
INJURED OR SCALDED

Captain Says Boilers Gave Way
Unusually, but From Nat-
ural Causes

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The liner Minnesota, the largest steamship flying the American flag, lies at anchor in the harbor here to-day, safe after her experiences at sea. Federal officials are continuing the investigations they began last night following her arrival. James Guthrie and Joseph Dolan, inspectors of hulls and boilers, overhauled, spent the night in the boiler rooms examining the disabled equipment and questioning the crew. United States District Attorney Preston also is at work.

Only a shred of the mystery remains. The story that boiler trouble and boiler trouble alone had crippled the huge ship and compelled her to return to port in tow has been verified in every detail by the federal investigators. The theory of an organized plot to break down the boilers has been disproved.

From Natural Causes.
Captain Thomas W. Garlick said to-day that the boilers had given way unusually, but from natural causes. Members of the crew, particularly the firemen, bore out his statement and amplified it. The Minnesota's boilers are of a French make which has passed into disuse. During the last eleven years they never have given full satisfaction.

From the time of leaving Seattle trouble was experienced. Boiler tubes under a pressure of from 125 to 145 pounds to the square inch burst at the rate of a dozen a day, each making a miniature explosion. Seven of the crew were injured or scalded, one sustaining a broken arm, another internal injuries and the remainder minor burns or bruises. There still is a possibility that disgruntled members of the crew may have damaged the tubes and caused them to explode, but this theory is not entertained by a majority of those aboard. No evidence has been gathered either by ship or government officials to substantiate this suspicion.

The Minnesota carried 200 extra boiler tubes and she used 179 of them in the 32 days she was at sea. It is significant that there were boiler-makers aboard to replace the damaged tubes with new ones. The shipping of boiler-makers on a steamship is almost unprecedented and is one fact which has aroused the openly expressed opinion among crew members that the boilers were faulty when the ship left Seattle and that the owners anticipated trouble.

Crew Inexperienced.
It was an inexperienced crew which shipped in the stockhold and the engine rooms. Not more than a dozen of them had ever before seen boilers of the make of those in the Minnesota.

"To add to the trouble," said one of the crew to-day, "the Chinese who were on the steamship in the Oriental trade before we signed on, left all the equipment in a deplorable state. Some say it was their way of revenge for being thrown out of a job. After we had got aboard we never seemed to get a grip on things. The boilers went to pieces and we could not stop them."

As an example of the inexperience of the men aboard it was said that 16,000 gallons of fresh water had been pumped overboard by an engineer who thought he was pumping out salt water. At the same time it was hinted that salt water had been fed to the boilers on more than one occasion by mistake.

The shortage of fresh water aboard was a big factor in creating dissatisfaction among the members of the crew. The firemen coming out of the stockhold, begrimed after their spell on watch, were allowed only half a gill of water a day. The drinking water, too, it was openly charged to-day by members of the crew, was bad. A sample was displayed. It was black, although it was as tasteless as good water.

On November 23, after a smoldering bunker fire had added to the difficulties of the fire-room force, the crew decided to address a note to Captain Garlick, asking him to put back. Before it was delivered, however, the commander announced that he would return to San Francisco. The ship was then virtually disabled. She put about and headed for this port. More boilers went out of commission, the task of repairing them seemed hopeless and Captain Garlick wireless for tug.

SERBIANS NEED FOOD.

Rome, Dec. 15.—American Ambassador Page has received information that thousands of women and children are starving in Western Serbia and Athens.

GERMAN SUBMARINE, TURKISH TORPEDO BOAT AT BOTTOM

Paris, Dec. 15.—The correspondent at Athens of the Milan Secolo says a German submarine has been sunk in the Black Sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora by the British.

The Turkish battle-cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German battle-cruiser Goeben, went out into the Black sea, the correspondent adds, and was torpedoed, though she was not seriously damaged.

LINER OSCAR II. IS AT KIRK WALL

Believed Ship Carrying Ford
Party is Being Detained
by British

SPANISH STEAMSHIP WAS
SEARCHED TWICE AT SEA

Kirkwall, Dec. 15.—The steamship Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party, arrived here early to-day.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, is the port to which most of the trans-Atlantic vessels which are held up for search by the British authorities are taken. The Oscar II was destined for Christiania and her arrival at Kirkwall probably means that she is being detained by the British.

A London dispatch last night said it was hardly likely that the steamship would be taken to Kirkwall, as she had no cargo aboard.

Searched Twice.
New York, Dec. 15.—The announced policy of France and Great Britain of searching neutral vessels at sea for subjects of countries with which the allies are at war, was further evidenced to-day by the news that the Spanish steamship Montevideo, from Spanish ports, had been held up twice and examined during her voyage to New York, where she arrived to-day.

Passengers said that on November 29, off Cadix, the ship had been stopped by the French cruiser Cascaer and that on December 3, off the Azores, she had been stopped by the British cruiser Essex. In neither case was anyone taken off.

VILLAGES BURNED; BRIDGES DESTROYED

British Left Little in Doiran
District for Bulgarians;
Operations of French

Salonica, Dec. 15.—An eyewitness reports that the retirement of the French to their temporary positions in Greece, near the Serbian border, was conducted with great skill. All the wounded were brought in except a few who could not be moved. The guns were piled on endless trains of freight cars, on which the last remaining inhabitants of the evacuated towns departed, their belongings scattered among the guns or heaped on top of the cars.

The city of Gievelli was razed. The French rearguards were constantly in touch with the Bulgarians until they crossed the border, but held them in check, giving the main forces plenty of time for strategic manoeuvres. Injuries among the French were slight, consisting mostly of frozen feet, as the soldiers were compelled to march through snow. The final positions which the allies expect to take up in a few days are being prepared.

Destroyed Bridges.
The British retirement from the Doiran section proved to be difficult. There was sharp fighting in the Strumitza region, but no guns were lost. The British burned the villages as they fell back and destroyed the bridges.

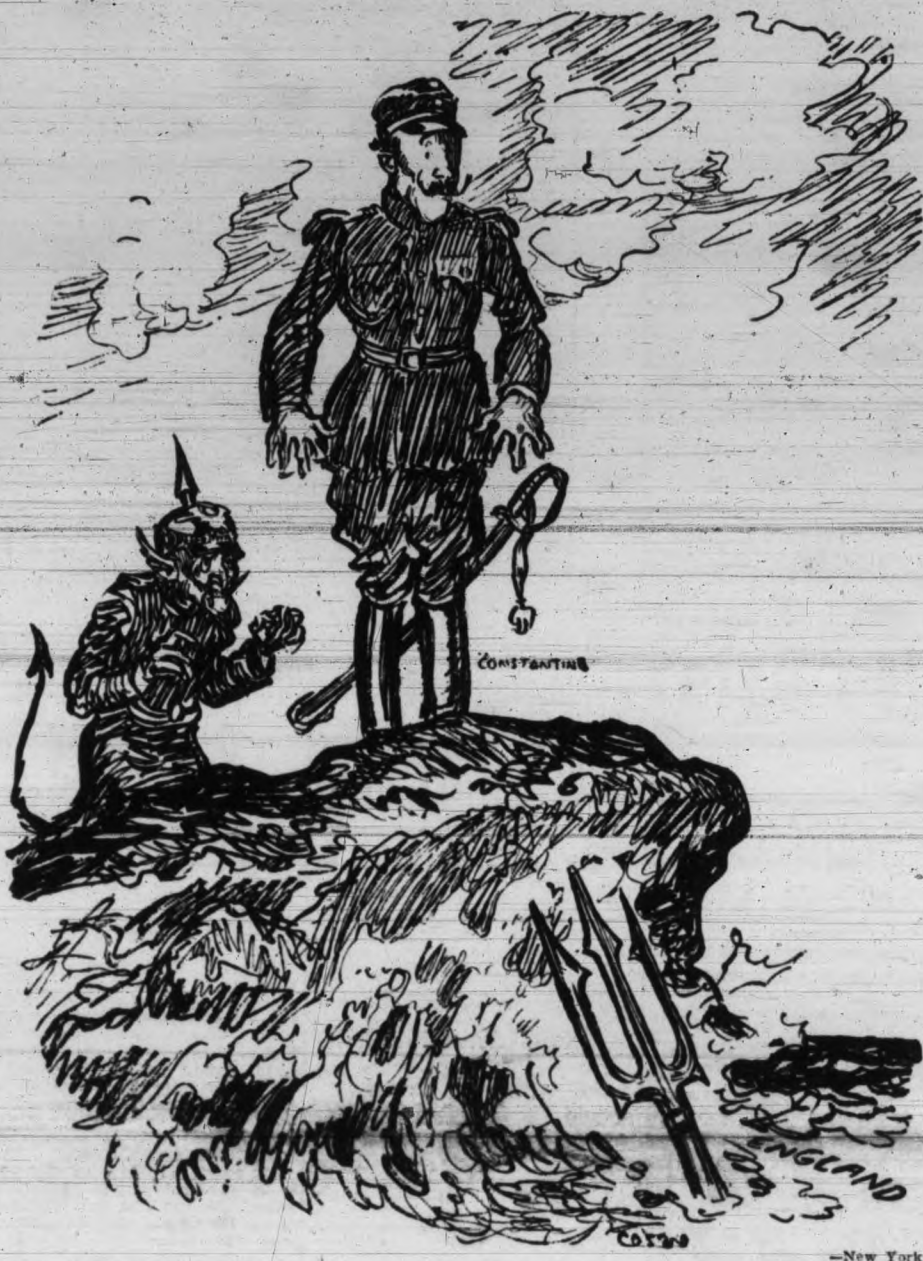
At Salonica the harbor is crowded with huge transports loaded to the gunwales with arriving troops. Freighters are landing munitions and stores. On land hospitals are being erected to supplement the facilities of the hospital ships in accommodating the wounded brought from Gievelli.

The transference of Greek troops from the neighborhood of Salonica began two days ago.

FRANCE RECOGNIZES CARRANZA

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Carranza government in Mexico has been formally recognized by the French government.

BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA



—New York Sun.

LOST ABOUT 4,000 IN CERNA BATTLE

Bulgarians Suffered Heavily in
Struggle With French
Short Time Ago

Paris, Dec. 15.—How the Bulgarians, in the battle of the Cerna, one of the early operations in Macedonia, lost nearly 4,000 men, and how they hurried themselves repeatedly at the French, but, moved down by the French "75" guns, were compelled finally to retire behind the heights, is recounted in an official statement issued here last night. The battle lasted nine days.

It was fought in a wild, cold country. Certain of the villages of the district were completely destroyed, their ruins testifying to the violence of the combat.

"The order to attack was given on November 6," says the statement. "A battalion succeeded in attaining the Rajeca and installed itself on the hill dominating the river."

Disturbed Enemy.
"Farther north French troops began to ascend Archangel heights, and their continued progress and rapid success greatly disturbed the enemy. The Bulgarians were unable to gain the slightest amount of ground."

"On November 11 the upper Cicevo was attained. The enemy retired in disorder. Later the Bulgarians attempted, with three divisions, to make headway in repeated attacks, but were moved down by the fire of our mountain artillery and 75's. The enemy finally abandoned the contest and on November 15 retired behind the heights."

"These hard-fought days cost the Bulgarians nearly 4,000 men. Our losses were relatively slight. Our victory may be counted among the best of the war."

**GREEKS PREPARED TO
OPPOSE BULGARIANS**

Paris, Dec. 15.—"The Greek government officially denies that Bulgarian forces have entered Greek territory, and it is considered in competent quarters here that an entrance of the Bulgarians into Greek Macedonia is improbable," says a Havas dispatch from Athens.

"The press unanimously declares that the presence of Bulgarians in Greek Macedonia would arouse national indignation."

Turner Resigns; Sir R. McBride Goes to London

It was announced late to-day that J. H. Turner, the aged agent-general for British Columbia in London, has resigned and will leave that office December 31. He will be succeeded by Sir Richard McBride. Sir Richard will be followed in the premiership by Hon. W. J. Bowser, and Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, also is resigning from the cabinet.

The new administration will be composed as follows:
Premier and attorney-general, Hon. W. J. Bowser; minister of finance, A. C. Flumerfelt; minister of public works, C. E. Tisdale; minister of lands, W. R. Ross; provincial secretary, Thomas Taylor; minister of mines, Lorne A. Campbell.

There will be no election until the spring after a session of the legislature.

Over 2,000,000 Men Joined the Colors, Says London Paper

London, Dec. 15.—Between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 men have enlisted under the scheme of the Earl of Derby, director-general of recruiting, according to the Daily Sketch.

The paper says this figure may be reduced under an analysis and that it is quite possible that the figures relative to single men may prove to be below the required standard.

MUCH BRITISH GOLD IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 15.—Two hundred tons of gold, worth \$102,000,000 and occupying the space of two cords of wood, are stored to-day in the United States assay office here. The gold is in 16,345 bars. It represents the accumulation of British sovereigns and other foreign coins brought to the United States within about six weeks in an effort to maintain the financial balance between the allied nations and the United States.

ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY DR. HELFFERICH

Government of Germany Making
an Effort to Raise
\$2,500,000,000

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, in his speech yesterday in the reichstag in support of the bill for a supplementary war credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) denied flatly assertions made by newspapers in foreign countries that the success of the German war loans had been fictitious and made possible only by the loans to subscribers through the war credit banks. He stated that the total loans of these institutions were 1,500,000,000 marks (\$400,000,000) as compared with over 25,000,000,000 marks (\$6,250,000,000) in subscriptions.

Total Cost.
Referring to his estimates of August 5 that the total cost of the war to all the belligerents was almost 300,000,000 (\$75,000,000) marks daily, Dr. Helfferich said that this amount could now be estimated at from 320,000,000 (\$80,000,000) to 330,000,000 marks (\$82,500,000). This would make a yearly cost of almost 120,000,000,000 marks (\$30,000,000,000), he said, an amount equal to half the total valuation of the public and private wealth of France before the war. He said that almost two-thirds of this expenditure was shouldered by the entente nations and a little over a third by Germany and her allies. He could modestly assert that Germany and her allies, with an expenditure much smaller than their opponents, had accomplished more than the latter.

His Comparison.
Dr. Helfferich then embarked on a long comparison of the successes of Germany and her foes in financing the war. He pointed out that Germany had covered the greatest part of her expenditures by long-term loans. In the other camp, had had any success in doing this.

Dr. Helfferich declared that Great Britain had underestimated the costs of the war badly. He asserted that a statement by Sir Edward Grey at the outbreak of the war that the conflict would impose hardly greater sacrifices on Great Britain if she participated than if she remained neutral, scarcely would be repeated now.

BERLIN OFFICIALS ARE WORRIED MUCH BY THE CONDITIONS

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—Internal conditions in Germany are causing much anxiety in Berlin. Even with the rigid censorship that has been set upon news, it has been impossible to disguise the seriousness of the food situation, acute already though the winter season hardly has begun. No gold is circulating, it is declared here. Only fear of the government prevents opposition to the use of currency at all.

PROMOTIONS IN THE FORCES OF CANADA

A. W. Currie, C. B., R. E. W. Turner, V. C., and M. S. Mercer, C. B., Maj.-Generals

TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS CONFIRMED IN GAZETTE

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following promotions in the Canadian Expeditionary forces are gazetted to-day.

To be major-generals—Brig.-Generals R. E. W. Turner, V. C., C. B., D. S. O.; A. W. Currie, C. B., and M. S. Mercer, C. B.

To be temporary major-generals—Colonels (temporary Brigadier-Generals) H. Smith, T. Benson and W. E. Hodgins.

To be surgeon-general—Col. G. C. Jones.

To be brigadier-generals—Lieut.-Colonels and Brevet-Colonels H. E. Burdall, C. B., R. G. E. Leckie, C. M. G.; D. Watson, E. W. B. Morrison, D. S. O.; and Garnet B. Hughes, D. S. O.; Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) J. C. Macdonald, Col. Victor A. S. Williams, Col. J. P. Landry, Col. Sir John M. Gibson (honorary); Colonel the Hon. Jas. Mason (honorary); Col. W. A. Logie, Col. E. A. Cruikshank, Col. John Hughes, Col. A. E. D. Labeille; Col. E. W. Wilson and Col. H. M. Elliott.

The following promotions in rank also are gazetted:

To be brevet-colonels—Col. (Temporary) F. S. McIshe; Lt.-Col. H. E. Burdall, C. B.; Lt.-Col. R. G. E. Leckie, C. M. G.; Lt.-Col. D. Watson; Lt.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison, D. S. O.; Lt.-Col. Garnet B. Hughes, D. S. O.; Lt.-Col. F. O. Sissons; Lt.-Col. H. C. Thacker; Capt. and Brevet-Lieut.-Col. J. Armstrong; Major and Temporary Lieut.-Colonel H. D. B. Ketchen; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Maunsell, D. G. E. S.; Lieut.-Col. J. F. Macdonald; Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gwynne; Lieut.-Col. C. F. Winter, military secretary; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Heimer, director of musketry.

To be colonels—Lt.-Col. H. M. Elliott; Lt.-Col. the Hon. Sir John S. Hendrie, C.V.O.; Lt.-Col. C. S. Newburn.

To be honorary colonels—Lt.-Col. A. E. Thompson and Lt.-Col. A. A. Goodenham.

Brig.-Gen. Logie is D.O.C., Military District No. 2 (Toronto).

Honorary Brig.-Gen. Sir John Gibson formerly was lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Honorary Brig.-General the Hon. James Mason is a member of the Canadian senate, residing in Toronto.

Brig.-Gen. E. W. Wilson is Acting D. O. C., Military District No. 4 (Montreal).

Col. the Hon. Sir John S. Hendrie, C.V.O., is lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Major-General Currie, C.B., of Victoria, commands the First Canadian Division.

Major-General R. E. W. Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., commands the second Canadian Division.

Major-General M. S. Mercer, C. B., commands the brigade of "corps troops" now at the front, which will form the nucleus of the third division.

Brig.-Gen. Garnet B. Hughes, D.S.O., of Victoria, commands the First Infantry Brigade, First Division.

Elections in Greece Sunday, December 19

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Greek parliamentary elections have been fixed for Sunday next, says a Havas dispatch from Salonica to-day.

THREE ZEPPELINS DESTROYED IN NOV.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Danish newspapers report that during November three Zeppelins were destroyed by accidents in Germany. They were the Z-18, at Tondern, Schleswig, the Z-28, near Hamburg, and a third, whose number is unknown, at Bitterfeld, Saxony.

NO BULGARIANS IN GREEK TERRITORY

Government at Athens Denies
Reports Troops Have
Crossed Border

ANGLO-FRENCH FRONT EXTENDS TO KUKUSH

Constantine Has Influenza;
Must Abstain From Participa-
tion in State Affairs

Athens, Dec. 15.—The government denies reports of the entrance of Bulgarian forces into Greek territory.

News dispatches yesterday reported that Bulgarian troops had crossed the frontier between Serbia and Greece, following the retiring British and French forces.

As Far as Kukush.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The latest information obtainable by the Havas correspondent at Athens was that the Anglo-French front extended as far as Kukush, in Greece, about twenty-five miles north of Salonica. The retirement is being carried on under favorable conditions, enabling the allies to preserve all their war material.

Athens newspapers express the belief that neither German nor Bulgarian troops will cross the Greek frontier. It is stated that the German and Bulgarian forces in the Gievelli section consist of nine divisions, three German and six Bulgarian.

Greek troops in Macedonia have been ordered to avoid all contact with foreign troops.

Constantine III.

London, Dec. 15.—King Constantine of Greece, has contracted mild influenza, with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the king take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.

Fortifying Salonica.
Athens, Dec. 15.—The Anglo-French forces are rushing the work of fortifying Salonica with great haste. Trenches are being constructed across all available approaches and machine guns and howitzers mounted in advantageous positions.

To Albania.
New York, Dec. 15.—Several passengers on the Spanish Montevideo, in port to-day from Spain, who recently traveled in Italy, said they had seen nearly 200 ships taking on troops in the harbor of Taranto, giving color to reports that Italy is sending an expedition to Albania.

Germanies With Bulgarians.

Paris, Dec. 15.—"Not more than 20,000 Germans are co-operating with the Bulgarian army that has been attacking the allies, according to intelligence gathered from prisoners," says a Havas dispatch from Athens, dated December 13.

"The Bulgarians are estimated to have lost 5,000 killed and 15,000 wounded during the last few days."

Report From Salonica.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The Matin's Salonica correspondent says it has been learned on good authority that Bulgarian troops have entered Greek territory in the Strumitza region.

**SMITH WAS BEING
WATCHED IN DETROIT**

Informant in San Francisco
Bomb Cases Was Questioned
by the Authorities

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Charles Whiting, clerk at the Normande hotel, where L. J. Smith, informant in the San Francisco bomb plot cases, stopped during his residence in Detroit, to-day told of Smith's apparent willingness to deal openly with the department of justice agents.

"About three weeks ago," Whiting said, "Smith took me aside and said: 'I am under federal investigation and federal agents probably will quiz you. If they do I wish you would tell all you know.' Soon afterward J. Herbert Cole, an agent of the department of justice, questioned me and I told him all I could."

United States District Attorney Webster, speaking of Smith to-day, said: "Smith never was under arrest here. I do not know how Cole got him to go west. The first thing I knew they had started. We dared not talk until we had heard from San Francisco. We had examined Smith frequently, but had allowed him his liberty."

Smith was in Detroit on June 23, three days after the Peabody plant at Walkerville was dynamited and explosives found at the Windsor armory.

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Estimate of Requirements
During First Quarter of
Next Year.

Paris, Dec. 14 (delayed).—The appropriations committee of the chamber of deputies, reporting to-day upon the requirements of the government for the first quarter of 1916, summarized the cost of the war thus:

The total expenses of the government from August 1, 1914, to December 31, 1915, were 31,024,000,000 francs (\$6,204,800,000), of which the purely military expenditures were 21,247,000,000 francs (\$4,249,400,000). While the average expenses of the government during the first five months of the war were 1,780,000,000 (\$356,000,000), the estimates for the first quarter of the new year averaged 2,505,000,000 francs (\$501,000,000) monthly.

The committee reported that it had rejected the request of the minister of finance that the income tax of July, 1914, should be applied to January 1, 1917.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 15.—Reports submitted show that the proposal for church union was carried in the Presbytery of Stratford by a majority of 311. In 1911 the majority for union was 1,855.

FORMERLY LORD CHIEF
JUSTICE OF ENGLAND

THE LATE VISCOUNT ALVERSTONE

ALVERSTONE DEAD
AT SEVENTY-THREEFormer Lord Chief Justice of
England Has Succumbed;
His CareerHIS PART IN SETTLEMENT
OF ALASKA BOUNDARYActed in Behring Sea Case and
the Venezuelan Ar-
bitration

London, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverstone, former lord chief justice of England, is dead.

Lord Alverstone had a remarkable career, and his name was associated for over 30 years with many decisions not only national but international.

The son of Thomas Webster, Q. C., a distinguished patent lawyer of his day, Richard Everard Webster, who was born on December 22, 1842, was called to the bar in 1865. His success was immediate, and, like most great men in any profession, he had, in an extraordinary degree, the ability to see his opportunity and to make the best use of it. Very early in his career he came prominently into notice owing to his mastery of defence in an important case tried before Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, and his work on this occasion practically made his reputation.

Took silk in 1878, and in 1885 Lord Salisbury, in forming his first ministry, was soon convinced of the ability of Sir Richard Webster, as he was then, that he selected him as his attorney-general, although he had never been solicitor-general and at that time had no seat in parliament. He had previously, in 1880, made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the house. He was elected for Lancaster on being called to the cabinet, and from 1885 to 1890 he sat as member for the Isle of Wight. He was attorney-general in 1885-6, 1886-92 and 1895-1906.

In the Farnell commission he was counsel for the Times, and although the case was hopeless, nevertheless the extraordinary command of facts displayed by Sir Richard Webster and his complete mastery of one of the most complicated cases of modern times, added enormously to his reputation. In 1900 he became master of the rolls and was raised to the peerage as Baron Alverstone. In the same year he became lord chief justice of England.

Alaska Boundary. Lord Alverstone sat on or pleaded before several high commissions, a couple of which had an intimate relation to the Dominion of Canada, and in connection with which he came in for very sharp criticism. In this part of the country his award in the Alaska boundary dispute in 1903 will always be associated with his name most prominently. He also took part in the Behring Sea case in 1893, in which he had as an associate the late Sir Charles Russell, later on Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Alverstone's predecessor as lord chief justice. In the Venezuelan arbitration of 1894 Sir Richard Webster acted for Great Britain. In a number of cases he sat as a royal commissioner in inquiries held in the United Kingdom.

He was well-known as an athlete in his earlier years, having represented his university as a runner, and his interest in cricket and foot racing was kept up till late in life. He was prominently associated with church work.

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RETIREMENT CARRIED
OUT IN GOOD ORDERAllied Forces Fell Back Into
Greece; Comparatively
Small Losses

Paris, Dec. 14 (delayed).—The Temps publishes a dispatch from Salonica corroborating the report that all French and British troops have now quit Serbian territory, having retired into Greece. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the retreat and the determined attacks of superior forces of Bulgarians, the dispatch says, the allies saved virtually all their ammunition and other supplies, and suffered comparatively small losses in men.

The assertion made in an official Bulgarian communication that the Franco-British line had been cut is not borne out by the correspondent of the Temps, who says: "Efforts to envelop or cut our lines altogether failed."

CASUALTIES AMONG
CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Fred Barnard, Stratford, Ont.

Wounded: Cpl. L. S. Fry, Chesley, Ont.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Ernest Thos. Burke, Toronto; Pte. Ernest Murore, Virden, Man.; Cpl. F. C. Fowler, England.

Dangerously wounded: Pte. Wm. Watts, England.

Eighth Battalion—Suffering from gas poisoning: Pte. W. J. Eadie, Winnipeg.

Twelfth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Lieut.-Col. Harry Fulton McLeod, M.P., Fredericton, N.B.

Thirteenth Battalion—Officially reported killed in action: Pte. D. S. Stirling, Montreal.

Wounded: Cpl. C. C. Bowers, Shubenacadie, N. S.

Fourteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Cpl. Wm. Brennan, Montreal; Pte. Ernest House, England.

Unofficially reported killed in action: Cpl. A. H. Flood, Scotland.

Fifteenth Battalion—Previously reported missing; now officially reported safe and serving with unit: Pte. C. R. Jackson, Toronto.

Wounded: Pte. Emile Dupond, (No address).

Sixteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. David Williamson, Scotland; Cpl. James Mitchell, England; Pte. William Anderson, Winnipeg.

Wounded: Pte. H. W. McKay, Scotland; Sgt. Thomas H. Gallon, Pacific, Victoria, B. C.

Suffering from effects of shell fire: Pte. J. C. Fuller, Winnipeg.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Osman Zeigler, Guelph, Ont.

Twenty-first Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. R. F. Trever, Brockville, Ont.; Pte. Geo. Dupuis, Renfrew, Ont.; Sgt. Wm. Ennos, England; Pte. James Fitzpatrick, England.

Died of wounds: Pte. E. H. Lannig, England; Pte. John Cody, Ireland.

Twenty-second Battalion—Severely wounded: Sgt. G. Demontigny, Montreal.

Twenty-third Battalion—Died of pneumonia: Pte. G. D. Graham, Toronto.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Adrian St. Mars, Montreal.

Died of wounds: Pte. James Snyder, West Indies.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Samuel Snow, Harbor Grace, Nfld.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. H. Pullen, Chatham, N. B.

Wounded, but now on duty: Pte. C. W. Garrison, St. John, N. B.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. R. J. Longley, Winnipeg.

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London, Dec. 15.—The war office issued the following communication last night:

"Field Marshall French reports that to-day our artillery bombarded Dornmecht, enemy trenches east of Givensh, and the village of Le Mesnil. Hostile artillery showed considerable activity east and northeast of Ypres, to which our artillery replied with vigor."

"Last night we bombed one of the enemy trenches at Le Touquet, just west of the River Lys, with hand grenades, causing great confusion in a trench which appeared to be strongly held."

"The weather continues bright and cold."

IMPRESSION IN AUSTRIA
CAUSED BY WILSON'S NOTE

Geneva, Dec. 14.—(Delayed).—A dispatch from Vienna received by way of Buchs, Switzerland, states that President Wilson's note to Austria regarding the sinking of the Lusitania has produced a profound impression in government and political circles. The note is said to be resented by a minority.

It generally is believed in Vienna, says the dispatch, that Austria will give satisfaction and will pay an indemnity, especially as she has large interests in the United States. Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, has called a special council to discuss the matter.



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LONDON BANKS ARE CLOSING AT THREE

Early Closing: Movement Has Spread Also to Large Stores

London, Dec. 15.—The early closing movement in London, which began under compulsion with the saloons, and was taken up next by some of the big department stores, has now spread to the banks. The London banks are now closing their doors at 3 o'clock. Much of the work of bank clerks is done after public office hours, and the depletion of staffs due to enlistment in the army has made it necessary for the remaining men to work far into the night. The banks have decided to concentrate their counter work into a shorter period, and thus give more reasonable working hours to their staffs.

Business men have been asked to sign cheques before lunch, and an appeal has been made informally to the public to do banking business as early as possible. The 3 o'clock closing rule has been customary in several of the largest provincial cities for some years. The largest department store in London led the way among shops by announcing a 5 o'clock closing for the winter. Other large establishments are following its example. Late hours for holiday shoppers, with the fierce rush of the week before Christmas, fainting sales girls and pouting delivery clerks, will not be seen this year.

The final blow to the night clubs has been administered in the form of an order compelling all clubs to close at 12.30, except on Saturday and Sunday nights, when they must be emptied at midnight. This regulation applies to all clubs, from the most respectable old men's gathering places in the West End to the workingmen's resorts in the East End. But for the night clubs it makes business impossible. These concerns, where many young officers on leave have fallen into bad company, begin their operations only after the theatres have closed, and now no time is allowed for their activities.

Intermittent artillery duels. Near Sedul Bahr there has been bomb and air torpedo fighting. Our artillery shelled a hostile howitzer battery and blew up its munitions depot.

"On Monday there was violent bombing-fighting against our trenches in the centre. Our artillery successfully shelled the enemy artillery positions and destroyed a blockhouse and two bridges across Kereves Dere."

GERMAN OFFICER SHOT A WOMAN

Letter Which Describes Execution of Mme. Frenay and Other Belgians

Boston, Dec. 15.—One of the papers here publishes a letter stated to have been written by a German officer stationed at "Fort Chartreuse," Belgium, to an Ottoman government official stationed in Berlin, which gives details of the execution of Mme. Frenay and seven Belgian patriots. The officer since has "disappeared," and the paper says, has managed to cross the frontier into Holland after deserting from the German army.

"Terrible and inhuman as the Cavell case is," the letter says, "it is not as pathetic as the case of Mme. Frenay, who was executed early in October under my supervision. I am terribly ashamed that I had to perform this grisly task, which I no longer consider a duty."

Quick Trial
"At the time I was stationed at the fort of Chartreuse. We learned through secret channels that some more executions were to take place. My comrade told me that 29 persons had just been taken before the court-martial. This court at Liege pronounced sentence with the case of a common police magistrate. This batch of 29, several of them women, were marched into the hall when the military court held its session, between 4.30 and 5 p.m. At 7 o'clock the same day, about two hours later, they were sentenced—eleven condemned to death and the rest to penal servitude in Germany for life."

To Outwit Neutrals
"About 11 p.m. the same evening it was known that eight of those condemned to death by shooting had been selected to be shot before the next morning. Why such haste? The reasons and explanations are many; there are only undercurrents of things said or alleged to have been said in high quarters. It was whispered that the condemned had secured secrets of submarine bases in the North Sea from naval officials. But according to the whispers one heard from all directions, the secrets already had been communicated to our enemies. Then why such haste? Other whispers told us that these executions were to take place in order to prevent their being saved through neutrals. If that was the reason for their having been executed in such haste, it certainly accomplished its purpose."

"Anyway, to the fort at Chartreuse marched the eleven condemned Belgians, eight whom were picked out to be executed at once."

"The procession was headed by Mme. Frenay. The last person was Julien Lenders, a Belgian writer of note, so I am told."

"Awkward Incidents."
"The commandant had anticipated difficulties. The difficulties are known as 'awkward incidents.' Instead of sending 10 soldiers, we were given charge of 50 soldiers, 10 in line five deep."

"In such cases the front line, 10 men, forms the firing squadron, the other 40, four deep, are reserves. The first victim is selected. The firing squad in the front line is ordered to fire. They withdraw, march to the rear and form the first line. The second line next is ordered to fire at the second victim; then this line also steps to the rear, and now becomes the fifth line. Now it is the third line, and so on, until every victim is shot to death."

Selected the Woman.
"I selected the woman first. Not because I had more pity for her. This was not my motive. I might have thought so unconsciously, perhaps. The truth is, I feared myself. I suspected that I could not bear the ordeal. Neither did I like the attitude of the men, the soldiers. I lined up my men. I stepped back, revolver in hand. I gave the order: 'Fire.'"

"The squad instantly fired. Mme. Louise Frenay fell with a scream. She was not shot mortally. A bullet had shattered her ankle. The 'awkward incident' had happened. I rushed at her, stood her against the wall once more. She was screaming, 'My God, my God, why torture me?' she was crying."

Shot Her Himself.
"I ordered the second squad. Once more she fell. But this time she was not even struck. She was terrified, she waited. O, God, what torture. For a second I wanted to give the command once more while holding her in my own arms. Perhaps I would have wiped the taint off the name of my fatherland, but I confess I was, and I am now, a coward. We Germans have only disciplinary courage; otherwise we are cowards."

"I pulled my revolver, put it cruelly and deliberately into the butt of her right ear and killed her with my own hands."

"It sickened me. I was relieved by a reserve officer. Other officers were ordered out. The rest of the executions proceeded satisfactorily, the officers with drawn revolvers threatening the squad. It lasted 10 minutes."

Into One Grave.
"Shortly after, the last lifeless body was lifted from the ground. At Robertmont a large grave already was awaiting the warm, the still panting and vibrating bodies, their fresh bullet wounds gaping. As their bodies were covered with dirt and soil, one of my superior officers said to me: 'They will be immortalized, while the coming generations will remember us as their executioners.'"

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BONAR LAW GIVES UNIONISTS WARNING

London, Dec. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, secretary of state for the colonies, told Sir Edward Carson and a few Unionist dissenters in an outspoken warning in the house of commons last evening that further signs of revolt would lead to his retirement from the government. Mr. Bonar Law was opposing a

motion backed by the Unionists for the rejection of the parliament bill introduced on Thursday last by Sir John Simon, secretary for home affairs, providing for the continuation of the present parliament beyond the five-year period and the postponement of a general election during the war. This would keep alive the plural voting bill. The objecting faction took exception to the prolongation of the life of the plural voting bill and urged the desirability of a general election. Mr. Bonar

Law, after stating that the present compromise bill was his own proposal, dealt with the Unionist criticism of the government.
After a short debate, the parliament bill was given a second reading.
It has been discovered that the microphone of a telephone transmitter becomes much more sensitive if the air surrounding it is rarified by heating, and some inventors are working on a practical application of this discovery.



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VERY TENSE—FOR GREECE

Developments on the Balkan peninsula have created for Greece a situation of extraordinary intensity and difficulty. The British and French forces have retired across the Greek frontier, on the other side of which the Bulgars are gazing greedily at the Promised Land, their lost section of southern Macedonia. Some dispatches say they have crossed the border, but this is denied by the government at Athens. But in any case we may be sure that it is not the ultimate issue of the great war that is running in the mind of the Bulgarian soldier on that front; nor is it the desirability of extracting the Teutonic chestnuts from the fire. It is the reconquest of the territory which fell to Greece when she and Serbia turned upon Bulgaria following the successful war of the Balkan confederacy against Turkey; an attractive picture of a continuous Bulgarian coastline on the Aegean sea extending from Salonica to the borders of Turkey. And behind that aspiration, the realization of which seems so near, recur memories of age-long racial hatred, of sanguinary conflicts which spared neither age, sex nor condition—fueled inspired by the subtle mind of Abdul the Damned, who clearly perceived that as long as he could foment bloody strife between the Balkan provinces Turkey need have no fear of an armed coalition against her. The Greeks and Bulgars hate the Turk, but they hate one another more.

The Bulgars with Teutonic assistance have reconquered that part of Macedonia, which was Serbia's prize in the second Balkan war. That they shall keep it is the last idea in the German-Austrian mind, but it is now evident that the Teutonic soldiers in that district are insufficient to occupy it at present. Most of the Germans are stationed along the Danube, awaiting a Russian irruption through Roumania. The Austrians are fighting in Montenegro and are preparing for a campaign in Albania. Thus the Bulgarians hold the province with Monastir, its capital, and it is the bulk of their armies which pressed the allies down the valley of the Vardar to the frontier of Greece. That valley runs straight to Salonica. The allies have withdrawn several miles behind the frontier; the Bulgars have an excellent opening for planting their feet on Greek soil at any rate. They would not go any farther, but they would have something to brag about in future years. The question is, will they succumb to the temptation to cross the border, and if they do will Greece fight them?

If so much as the spirit of a worm survives in Greece the Greeks will fight if the Bulgars enter their kingdom and Constantine and all his supporters will not be able to stop them even if they desire to do so. Were the pursuers Germans or Austrians, or both, the situation might be different; but it is a safe hazard that Greek soldiers would not wait for orders to shoot when their hated enemy camped upon their soil. It is significant, too, that Greek engineers and officers are assisting the allies in perfecting the fortifications of Salonica. They know precisely what the Bulgarians have in mind. Why the Teutonic authorities are risking the ruin of their Balkan campaign and the shattering of their grandiose projects in the Near East by permitting such a provocative state of affairs on the Greek frontier is not so much of a mystery as it seems. We must look beyond the local aspect of the situation for the answer.

There can be no doubt that when Bulgaria joined hands with the unholy alliance Ferdinand was assured of the possession of the three pieces of territory taken from his country in the second Balkan war. These were the north-

ern part of Macedonia, now wrenched from Serbia; the southern part, including the district of Salonica, now held by Greece, and Dobrudja, now a part of Roumania on the Black Sea. Whether Constantine became a party to the understanding on condition that Greece should obtain a slice of Albania in compensation for the surrender of Greek territory to Bulgaria, outsiders do not know. It is doubtful, for no Greek would forgive such a betrayal; thousands died to win Macedonia from Bulgaria. Whatever the central empires may contemplate doing in the future, they dare not risk a break with Bulgaria just now by dispossessing her of Macedonia, and they might even get into difficulties by trying to hold her soldiers out of Greece. If they had sufficient forces at their disposal they might overawe their ally by a show of strength, but they dare not close their eyes for an instant to the main fronts in Europe, where the issue of the war must be decided. They must also watch Roumania, and through Roumania, Russia. It would do them no good to discard Bulgaria for Greece for obvious political and strategic reasons. Bulgarian complications with Greece or a Bulgarian break with the central empires are two interesting alternative possibilities.

Sooner or later the central empires will meet with disaster in their Balkan policy. Their crooked diplomacy cannot succeed there any more than it has succeeded elsewhere. Bribery, deceit, gambling with other people's property, inevitably bring their own punishment. The diplomacy which offered Turkey to Bulgaria and Bulgaria to Turkey, Greek territory to Bulgaria and Bulgarian territory to Greece, Bessarabia in Russia to Roumania and Roumania to Russia, can produce but one result. As for Greece, she may look to her sovereign for the source of her present troubles. Had she kept faith with Serbia and thrown her army into action at the first overt move by Bulgaria she would not be in her present predicament. Serbia would have been able to resist the relatively limited Teutonic army on her front, and Bulgaria herself, attacked on flank, would not have been in a condition to make a very serious threat at the Serbian rear. Moreover, it is practically certain that Roumanian intervention would have followed that of Greece. It is not only Serbia that has suffered from her cowardly abandonment by Greece. With nations as with individuals the safest thing to do in a crisis is the right thing.

YUAN'S COUP.

Caesar was offered a crown three times with the intelligent electorate looking on, and thrice he refused it. He wanted it, of course, but Marc Antony's political machine could not generate enough public enthusiasm to satisfy him that it would be safe. He gave the citizens plenty of time to catch their breath just before the third offer was made, but only the bleachers cheered. The substantial taxpayer in the grandstand, remembering the amiable Tarquin, did not want any more kings. Probably had he known that a few years later would see a long line of imperial desperadoes installed at headquarters he would not have been so particular. On the other hand, could Caesar have foreseen the brevity of his own expectations he would have taken the crown. He would have been emperor for a few days, anyway.

Yuan Shi-Kai, while not as great a warrior, is more farsighted and adroit than the Roman conqueror and his satellites were. When Yuan abandoned the late dynasty, realizing that it was doomed, anyway, he began to plan for his own elevation to the purple in its place. He became President through Doctor Sun's revolutionary zeal and generosity, and accepted the constitution with the best grace in the world. He allowed the new Chinese parliament a brief but troubled span and then abolished it. He also abolished his advisers and critics in ways rather foreign to the genius of republics. Then he waited to see if anything would drop. Dr. Sen and his supporters long since had been chased out of the country and Yuan kept both hands on the army. His next step was to revive the religious ceremonies inseparably associated with the various Imperial dynasties which stretched into the early dawn of history. Stout republicans objected, but had to adjourn to safer latitudes in order to make their objections audible.

Meanwhile Yuan was pulling the strings for an election to bring the matter to a climax. The time was opportune. The world was in the throes of a great war. China needed a strong man untrammelled by constitutions, statutes and parliamentary addresses. A referendum was submitted to the people, that is to those whom Yuan and his friends thought fit to vote on such an important subject. The entente powers recommended that the matter be postponed for a year. Yuan, however, was not sure he would be here next year and he had thirty-three little Yuauns to convert into Princes and Princesses. The election was held on the Beaver Club model and Yuan was interviewed by a deputation who asked him to accept the imperial crown. The

flattered dictator declined the first offer, probably recalling Caesar's diplomatic bluff. However, he did not care to wait for the third offer, so he accepted the second. Thus a new Imperial dynasty cometh into being in China, as its founder no doubt intended it should when he deserted the last one. Dr. Sun's revolution was merely a convenient bridge over which Yuan Shi Kai methodically travelled from the post of Prime Minister to the Imperial throne. The presidency was a half-way stopping place. That is the way most dictators become kings or emperors. Napoleon I. was the child of the Great Revolution; Napoleon III. was president before he made himself an emperor.

QUEBEC BANK STATEMENT.

The general statement of the Quebec Bank for the year ending October 30, which has just been presented at the annual meeting, exhibits a condition of noteworthy strength. The bank's business has expanded materially during the year, the funds entrusted to it by the public being now just over seven million dollars, and just about a million more than last year. But the liquid assets held against these liabilities have increased by a million and a half, and now amount to over nine million dollars; or 52.9 per cent. of liabilities, against seven and a half million, or 47.1 per cent. in 1914. That the assets have been thoroughly tested out and include nothing that is not of sound banking quality is evidenced by the very large provision that has been made for "contingencies," \$337,900 having been written off for that object, mainly by drawing upon the rest fund. A gratifying point is the large proportion of the liquid assets which is carried in actual cash; there is almost two million in specie and Dominion notes (nearly twice the usual showing) and another million in the promptly convertible items of notes and cheques of other banks.

While the bank performs a notable public service, and at the same time conserves its own position, by keeping thus strong in the present difficult times, such a policy can only be pursued at a certain sacrifice of profits. The Quebec Bank has this year adopted the practice generally followed by other banks, of deducting business taxes before showing profits instead of exhibiting them in the profit-and-loss account. This year's profit of \$233,420 therefore compares with \$275,762 in 1914, or a decrease of 15.35 per cent., which is very moderate in the circumstances.

The above mentioned provision for contingencies cannot be regarded as part of the year's business at all, and is therefore rightly provided for by drawing \$308,750 from the rest account, which now stands at a round million dollars. Altogether the 1915 statement reflects very great credit upon President John T. Ross and General Manager B. B. Stevenson for their policy during the most trying year in Canadian banking history.

London newspapers estimate the number of recruits enrolled in the United Kingdom under the Derby plan at 2,600,000. Half a million are reported to have enlisted in the last week. German military commentators are trying to make themselves and the German people believe that the assertion attributed to Kitchener that Great Britain would have four million men under arms by spring is ridiculous. In fact they take great pains in showing that the total forces of the empire do not exceed 750,000 men. They will find that four millions is an underestimate and that the empire finally is more likely to have five million men in the field and in training.

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prices for his output he becomes as much an enemy of the state and an ally of the enemy as he would be if he shouldered a gun in the enemy's ranks. The man who becomes what the Ottawa Citizen stigmatizes as a "porcine plutocrat" as a result of this war, in which millions are giving their all, will have to carry a heavier load than that imposed by his dollars.

Sir Edward Carson and a number of other Adamantines are now trying to split the Unionist party. Apparently Carson wants the war conducted according to his ideas. He is a narrow reactionary out of touch with the spirit of the times and the British people just now are not in the mood to tolerate his eccentricities. The place for him and his fellow agitators at this juncture would seem to be a front line trench when a German artillery bombardment is in progress. If they must have fireworks this is where they would see the real thing.

Col. Henry Watterson is not in the habit of mincing words. He never was, and he has been writing a long time, measuring time by the span of human life. But the intense southern chivalry of the veteran editor has been aroused to white heat by contemplation of what the Huns have been doing in this war, and no one will be inclined to censure his use of naughty words.

A new league has been formed in London. It is called the National Utility Goat Club. There may be the germ of an idea in this for some enterprising persons in Victoria who have nothing particular to do, although the field would appear to be well high exhausted.

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Delayed Shipment of Men's and Women's Slippers Just Received and on Sale at Special Xmas Sale Prices

We are fortunate in being able to announce the arrival of this delayed in transit shipment of Men's and Women's Slippers. They have arrived just in time for our busiest Slipper days—for as every one knows, Slippers play a very important part in the Christmas gift question.

We have marked these Slippers at specially low prices, considering the quantities, and there are several new designs as well as the older and popular styles to choose from. For samples, see our special window display on Douglas street.

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS

Black Velvet Pumps, felt lined and Cuban heel; a warm house slipper. Special at \$1.50
Brown Felt Julietts, fur trimmed \$1.50
Brown Check Cloth Julietts, fur trimmed \$1.50
Cardurey Velvet Julietts, fur trimmed \$1.50
A new Kozzy Slipper, high cut, finished with laced ribbon; in sage blue and navy \$1.25
Black Felt Slipper, with leather sole and heel, fur trimmed. At, pair \$1.25
Black Felt Slipper, with leather sole, flat heel and fleece lined, at, pair \$1.25
Brown Check Felt Slippers, with leather sole and heel, at, pair \$1.25
Children's Check Felt Ankle-strap Slippers, felt and leather soles; sizes 3 to misses' 1, at, per pair 60c
Children's Felt Slippers, in scarlet and navy; a good house slipper, all sizes from infants' 4 to misses' 2, at, pair, \$1.00 and 50c

MEN'S SLIPPERS

Arctic Plaid Slippers, with felt and leather soles and with heel counter, at, pair, \$1.50 and \$1.00
Brown and Black Check Felt Slippers, with felt and leather sole and stiff counters, at, per pair \$1.00
Black Felt Slippers, felt and leather sole, fleece lined, at, pair \$1.00
High Grade Arctic Plaid Slippers, with collar, at, pair \$1.75
Brown Buff Leather Slippers, at, pair \$1.50
Strong Brown Leather Slippers, fleece lined, very durable, at, pair \$1.50
A full range of Leather Slippers, Pullmans, Pumps and Dancing Shoes in stock. Prices up to \$3.50 from \$1.50
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Navy Blue Serge Middy

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Useful Sewing Sets Marked at Quick-Selling Prices

A fortunate buy from a well-known novelty manufacturer brings these useful Sewing Sets here to sell at quick-selling prices. Each set is complete with scissors, thimble, needle case, etc., and all are fitted to neatly padded presentation cases. Our quick-selling prices range up to \$4.75 from as low as 75c
See Our Showing of French Ivory Goods in View Street Window
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Moire and Satin Underskirts in Most Serviceable Qualities

Excellent values in Moire and Satin Underskirts are here for the Christmas sale, and many of these, we feel sure will solve the gift problem.

These Skirts are all exceedingly good values and will give good satisfaction in wear.

Moire Underskirt of a good, serviceable quality, in all colors, including black and white. Special at \$1.50
Moire Underskirt, with deep flounce; a beautiful soft quality and good wearing; all colors. Each \$2.50
Satin Finished Moire Underskirts, finished with deep flounce and pipings. Exceptional value at \$3.75
Satin Underskirts, nice soft qualities and in all shades. Special values at \$2.90, \$2.90 and \$1.90
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More Dainty Styles in Fancy Tea Aprons and Boudoir Caps

These are very appropriate gifts, and no wonder, for the articles are so dainty and useful. The tremendous quantity we sell proves their popularity. Make your selection early while the assortment is large and satisfying.

Tea Aprons of Fancy Colored Muslins, in pink and white and blue and white floral effects; daintily trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. Special, each 75c
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Tea Aprons of fine mull, fine marquisettes and dotted Swiss muslins, neatly trimmed with lace, ribbons and insertions; various styles, suitable for Christmas gifts. Each \$1.00
Boudoir Caps of fancy muslins, organdies, chiffons, etc., made in various styles, at prices ranging up to \$3.00 from 50c
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Boys' \$1.00 Watches Guaranteed

Not a toy, but a genuine Watch that will keep perfect time and give every satisfaction. The case, too, wears like silver. Each Watch guaranteed. Special price \$1.00
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New Novelties in Neckwear

The New Lotus, Quaker and other Collars, in muslins, organdie and lace. All prices up from 25c

Fancy String Ties of silk crepe de chine and silk in all shades. Prices up from 25c
New Black Velvet String Ties with brilliant slide. Each 50c
Suede and Fancy Patent Leather Belts in boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts. Prices up from 25c
Novelty Handbags, all the newest shapes and colors, and these are very attractive. Prices up from \$1.00
Children's Purse, each 25c
String Rose Beads, in all colors, up from 35c
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Another Large Shipment of Ladies' Cloth Spats Just Opened Up

These are most fashionable this season, and many are buying them for Christmas gifts. We have just received another shipment, and can again supply all sizes in the following.

Dark Grey Spats, seven-button length, at, pair \$1.25
Fawn Spats, 7-button length, at, pair \$1.25
Grey and Fawn Spats, with black braid trimmings, very smart, at, pair \$1.50
Black Cloth Spats, at, pair \$1.00
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Superfine White Cloth Spats, with black binding. These can be washed and ironed like new. At, pair \$2.50
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Coffee Jugs, each, \$1.90, \$1.75
Nut Bowls, each, \$1.50, \$1.35
Fern Dishes, each, \$1.50, \$1.35
Mustard Pots, each, 35c and 25c
Bon Bon Dishes, in assorted shapes and patterns, each, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c
Celery Trays, each, \$1.25
Spoon Trays, each, \$1.25, 50c and only 35c
Cake Plates, each, \$1.75, \$1.00 and 35c
Fruit Bowls, each, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00
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Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

Cameron & Caldwell's Auto Ambulance, the most up-to-date ambulance in the city, is at your service. Phone 692, 145 or 146. The same numbers will bring that test-on, express wagon or anything else you may want in the trucking or draying business.

Mother's Children.—Why not get together and buy mother a nice dinner set for Christmas. We can sell you a dandy set of 97 pieces in the Blue Band ware for \$17 and you can match it from time to time. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

Have you noticed Standard Steam Laundry branch office in Dominion Hotel block.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Give a Piece of Nice Hard-Painted China.—It is always appreciated. Sugars and creams, berry dishes, cake plates, cups and saucers, chocolate sets, tea sets, etc. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

Retrench by having things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Commercial. Gramophones especially.

Septa Photos for Xmas at a special reduction, 47.00 Septas for \$5.00 per dozen, at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates St.

Those of us are left behind. Must be something more than kind. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Silvering Glass Berry Sets make nice presents, \$3.25 at R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 15, 1890.

Mr. Philip Rowe, of Nanaimo, was married there on Saturday to Miss Mary Piper. Mr. William Nicolas supported the groom, and Miss Piper attended her sister.

Charles McLaughlin, a partner in the stone cutting firm of Harbottle & McLaughlin, was drowned at the Gorge, from a rowboat last evening. The drowned man endeavored to save an oar in passing down the rapid, the boat being caught in an eddy.

Major Hilton, the well known temperance worker, arrived from the Sound on Sunday, and will hold a series of lectures in this city, extending over eight days.

The first snow seen on the Sooke hills this winter was noticed to-day.

THEN AND NOW

A watch used to cost \$50, now its price is \$20.
An automobile formerly cost \$2,000. A better one can be bought to-day for \$1,000.

There are similar instances that stand out strongly in face of a general rise in living cost.

And the reason—ADVERTISING. Markets have been widened and sales increased.

Automatically enlarged production has forced down cost and prices.

It pays to purchase advertised goods, not alone for their guarantee of quality, but also from the standpoint of economy.

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Give to aid the Union Jack. There are those who'll not come back.

Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Free Lecture on the Ford Car.—At Wood Motor Garage, 1019 Rockland avenue, on December 15, commencing at 8 p.m., a lecture will be given for the benefit of Ford owners, their friends and prospective purchasers.

The Wood Motor Company, Ltd. have engaged a Ford man who is thoroughly conversant with the Ford car, and he will deal with such items as carburetor and ignition system. The Ford engine, general maintenance, road troubles, manner of locating and method of repairing, etc.

For the Misses and the kids. Left behind—who pays who bids? Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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Save Your Money, by purchasing Xmas Gifts at Wengers, 25 per cent. discount. 624 Yates.

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Teacher Training Class.—The Anglican S. S. Teacher training class will meet on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Cathedral schoolroom. As this will be the last session for 1915, a full attendance is specially desired.

Pride of the Island Lodge.—Officers for the coming term were elected by Pride of the Island lodge, S. O. E. B. S., last evening, as follows: President, Bro. Carpenter; vice-president, Bro. Ferriday; chaplain, Bro. Cobbett; secretary, Bro. Brindley; treasurer, Bro. Norman; doctor, Dr. Lennox; 1st committeeman, Bro. Donne; 2nd committeeman, Bro. Young; 3rd committeeman, Bro. H. Smith; 4th committeeman, Bro. Saylor; 5th committeeman, Bro. J. Hall; inside guard, Bro. Jackson; outside guard, Bro. Hill; auditors, Bro. Pomeroy, Bro. Smith, Bro. Gilman; trustees, Bro. Chadwick, Bro. Gardner, Bro. Duncalf, Bro. Bussey; advisory board, Bro. Pomeroy, Bro. Chadwick, Bro. Smith, Bro. Gardner; arbitration board, all executive officers and committeemen; S. O. E. hall representative, Bro. Carpenter; supreme lodge delegate, Bro. Brindley; social committeeman, Bro. Pomeroy; Donne, Ferriday, Cobbett, Smith.

TO HELP DAY NURSERY

Delightful Programme, Marking Closing of North Ward School, to Take Place Friday Afternoon.

The children of North Ward school on Friday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, will give an entertainment in aid of the Victoria day nursery. Incidentally the programme marks the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays also, and contains so many good things that a big audience is looked for. The programme is as follows:

Flutes Solo Miss Dumbleton
Chorus Choir of School Girls
Motion Song—Dance of the Snowflakes Junior Pupils
Vocal Solo Mrs. Rourke
Dance, in Highland costume
Chorus Miss Sarah McIntyre
Chorus Choir of School Girls
Piano Solo Miss Ellen Miller
Playette—Christmas Toys Intermediate Pupils
Dramatic Selection Mrs. Evans
Chorus Choir of School Girls
Song—Selected Boys from Cadet Corps
Bayonet Exercise
Tableau—Britannia: Sons and Daughters of the Empire, and Allies Rule Britannia.
God Save the King.

MARRIAGE AND LONG LIFE

In the "twelve commandments" which Dr. Arnold Lorand of Carlisle, Bath, Austria, lays down for a long life, he says: "Get married, and if a widow or widower marry again. A study of the lives of patriarchs proves the wisdom of so doing."

Another important factor is to avoid weakened, overworked, rundown conditions, and our local druggist, D. E. Campbell, has a rare combination of the three oldest tonics known in Vinol, which he guarantees will create strength and restore vitality in such cases, or return your money. D. E. Campbell, Druggists, Victoria, B. C.

Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 18. French Red Cross Tea.

Wenger's for Xmas Presents. 25 per cent. discount on all goods.

Christmas Glasses for Father.—Get a certificate from me good for a pair of glasses, and careful test of the eyes, upon return of certificate to me. Frank Chapman, Optician, 654 Yates St. (corner Douglas), upstairs.

Weekly Whist Drive.—The Ivy Leaf Social club will hold their weekly whist drive in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, on Thursday evening commencing at 8.15 p.m.

French Red Cross.—Arrangements have been completed for the French Red Cross tea which will take place at the Oak Bay hotel on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 7—an attractive programme has been arranged and a large attendance is expected.

Women's Institute.—The Women's Institute of West Saanich held a largely attended meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hutchison addressed the meeting as a candidate for school trustee for the coming year and was heartily received by the members.

Interesting Presentation.—Last evening at the meeting of the St. Sebastian Young People's association, the retiring president, J. E. Casson, was presented by the young people with a beautiful oak rocker as a token of their esteem on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

May Enter Appeal.—On behalf of some of the Chinese who were on Monday fined for frequenting a gambling place R. C. Lowe has been instructed to enter an appeal. The ground to be a purely technical one, that the search warrant was given for premises at No. 1 Pao Tan alley, while the information on which it was based referred to premises upstairs over No. 1.

Veterans' Club of B. C.—All men who have returned from the front are earnestly requested to attend a meeting to be held at the Frontiersmen's headquarters, Camosun building, 1201-2 Langley street, at 8 o'clock to-night. Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew C. F. Haggard, D. S. O., will be present and will have something very important to say, which should be of great interest to returned soldiers.

Daughters of Pitty Ball.—The Daughters of Pitty are busy preparing for the annual Cinderella which is to be given at the Alexandra hall room on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 23. The event is looked forward to with the greatest interest each year by the small folk as well as the big, and it is hoped that in view of the very good object—to aid the children's ward at the Jubilee hospital—that everyone will support the event as well as in former years. Miss Thain is looking after the musical part of the arrangements, and Mrs. Kattenbury has undertaken the decorations of the supper room. The proceedings in the afternoon will be fancy dress, and in the evening, dancing, and admission fifty cents. Dancing in the evening will be from 9 to 2, and tickets will be \$1.50. Invitations have been sent to all the naval and military officers in the district, and the event has the kind patronage of Mrs. Barnard, wife of the lieutenant-governor, and other prominent citizens. Tickets may be procured at Hibben's, Fletcher's, Wilkinson's and Hiseock's.

LATE DR. JOHN REID

BURIED YESTERDAY

Many Pay Last Tribute of Respect to Deceased Pastor

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of one of the pioneer clergymen of Victoria, when Rev. Dr. John Reid's remains were interred at Ross Bay cemetery.

Fitting tribute was paid at the Reformed Episcopal church, where the service took place, to the career of the deceased pastor in the ecclesiastical and civil life of the community. Rev. J. G. Inkster spoke of the splendid record of Dr. Reid, his fine character, and love of God. To him, said the minister, was greater than law, and he both practised and taught this principle.

The service was conducted by Rev. A. deB. Owen and Rev. T. W. Gladstone, and the church was almost filled with mourners and friends. The 90th Psalm, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Abide With Me," and "Sleep the Last Sleep," were rendered at the church.

A short service according to the rites of the E. O. L. was performed by Bro. Leonard Tait and Bro. T. Ward, chaplain of the Victoria County Lodge, members of which organization attended in a body. There was also representation from the ladies' order—the L. O. B. A.

Blue Cross Entertainment.

At the entertainment to be given at the Oak Bay theatre in aid of the Blue Cross hospital on Friday, moving pictures will be shown during the afternoon from 3.30. In the evening the following programme will be rendered:

Part I.
Moving Pictures
Pictures Illustrating Work of the Blue Cross
Dance Miss F. Bagshawe
Song—Somewhere in France Miss E. Bass
Assisted by the Misses Smith, Bagshawe and Robertson, and Masters Clarke, and McMicking.
Prostidigitator J. Burke
Trio
Ples. Dawson, Hughes and Aitken (6th Batt.).

Part II.
Song Ples. Dawson
The Exceptional Ventriquist
Sergt. F. W. Morrison
Song—When the Almond Blossoms Fall Miss P. Pearce
Assisted by the Misses Pitts and Macdonald.
Song—Knitting Miss D. Bagshawe and Chorus
God Save the King.
A new "doll" Singer sewing machine is to be raffled for the Blue Cross. Tickets will be on sale at both performances at 10c. each.

How Pneumonia Starts And How Often Prevented

You catch a little cold to-day and by to-morrow it has reached the throat, next day the lungs are affected and you wish you had used "Catarrh-zone," which kills colds in five minutes. In the first place Catarrh-zone soothes the irritated membranes and relieves congestion—then it cuts out the phlegm and destroys the germs. It enables the blood to retain a natural supply of oxygen, lung-food, and vitality. In any cough, bronchitis or catarrh it's guaranteed to positively cure. Beware of dangerous substitutes offered under misleading names for genuine Catarrh-zone, which is sold everywhere, large size containing two months' treatment, costs \$1.00; small size, 50c.; trial size, 25c.

Superfluities

More Gifts Sent in, Some Very Valuable: Jewelry Sale to Be Held Friday.

The appeal for more superfluities has resulted in the gift of a beautiful lacquered Japanese cabinet valued at \$1,000, and an exquisite piece of Georgian silver bearing the date of 1757. A musical box with mahogany case is among the latest gifts. These articles are for sale, and it is suggested by members of the committee that the musical box might be presented by



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Empress Mince Meat 4-lb. pails	50c
Rock Table Syrup Per tin	25c
Canadian Brand Pure Maple Syrup Per tin	45c
Equal Egg, a great economizer, and gives first-class results in baking Large tin, equal to 72 eggs	50c
Medium tin, equal to 30 eggs	25c
FREE—With every 25c tin we will give free one tin equal to 18 eggs; with every 50c tin we will give 3 tins equalling 54 eggs.	

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Finest Japan Rice 6 lbs.	26c
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Royal Standard Flour, 49-lb. sacks	\$1.65
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We strongly advise you to purchase flour at these prices.	
Carnation Wheat Flakes, large pkts.	35c
Crisco, per tin, 30c, 60c and	\$1.20
Pure Leaf Lard, full weight, per lb.	16c
Reception White or Brown Bread, per loaf	5c
Marrowfat Peas, English, per pkt.	8c
Windsor Salt, 10-lb. sacks for	22c
Laurentia Milk, 3 large tins for	23c
Rhubarb in heavy syrup, 2 tins	15c
Fruit Wines, per bottle	33c
Barbadoes Molasses, per tin, 17c and	24c
Genuine Macaroni, 3lbs. 19c	
Cleaver's Hand Cleanser, per tin	5c

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AT THE THEATRES

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Ten dollars and five dollars in gold will be paid by the management of the Columbia theatre for two programmes issued last week, the holders of which must be in the theatre. The numbers of the programmes will be announced from the stage at 8 o'clock sharp. "The Turn of the Road," a Viagraph five-act Blue Ribbon feature is the photoplay which will be presented for the last time to-night. Since the management has obtained the V. T. S. E. (Big Four) features and the Pathe Gold Rooster plays, patrons of this popular theatre know that the pictures are good at all times, and crowded houses have been the result.

"PRO PATRIA"

In staging Sardou's celebrated play for screen presentation, the Pathe Freres have spared no expense to make it an intelligent and enjoyable visualization. The play will be remembered as having had its first production in Paris in 1869, and is laid in the period of Phillip II, of Spain. Its spectacular possibilities are large, and have been taken advantage of in the making of the Pathe production. An added interest of the production lies in the fact that many of its scenes have been taken at Boulogne, which city has been a mark for the atrocities of the present European war. In the cast of "Pro Patria" appear the names of Henri Kraus, well-known as Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables," and Paul Capellani, another eminent European actor, while others among the players although not as familiar to Canadian audiences have given delightful portrayals of the characters allotted them. As will also be remembered by those familiar with the play a great portion of it is enacted against Flemish backgrounds. It is rich in color, and rife with horrors such

COLUMBIA THEATRE

Programme Night

To-night at 8 o'clock the management will purchase two programmes issued last week for

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as a play of any portraying human passions and emotions in the same unchanging aspect as that in which they appear to-day. There is felt in the production that tenacity of the plot and mastery of details that Sardou understood so well. The producer has followed the idea of the author, and the result is a most vivid visualization of the days when the Netherlands rebelled against the yoke of Spain. "Pro Patria" is of especially value, not alone as a splendid pictorialization of a well-known play by a master author, but as an historical production that may be exhibited with impunity in connection with the study of history and the drama.

There is a wholesome charm about "Colonial Days," the beautiful feature musical offering at Pantages this week, which eludes description, but which

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is nevertheless sensed all the time. Few acts in vaudeville carry such an appeal to the aesthetic sense, as this beautiful, old-world setting for ten talented vocal and instrumental artists of fine proficiency. The beautiful satin costumes, the magnificent scenery, and most of all the musical skill of the actors makes the presentation something to be remembered by all.

No one has yet offered a solution to the mystery of "Cree," the big illusion created by Richard A. Bolke and his wife. In the middle ages "Cree" would have been accounted for as the work of the evil one. Nowadays it serves only to arouse, even in the most superstitious spectator, a thrill of amazement. Everybody knows that there is no "black art" practiced in converting the plaster-of-paris bust into a full-fledged, beautiful young woman. Yet, in all the eight years that Richard A. Bolke and his wife have been going about from place to place throughout the country, not once has anybody been able to suggest the true solution of their astonishing mysterious act.

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Dancing Davey and a comedy-acrobatic performance by Les Arados complete a fine bill.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

E. D. Sheringham, of Mill Bay, is at the Hotel Strathcona.

E. E. Pannell, of Duncan, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

H. Meade, of Toronto, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. B. Millar, of Edmonton, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

T. H. Wilson, of Vernon, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

W. L. Johnston, of Portland, is registered at the Dominion.

A. L. Roberts, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

F. E. Bervley, of San Francisco, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

D. P. Roberts, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

E. G. Mellander, of Libby, Montana, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

H. Douglas is the latest Vancouver arrival at the Hotel Strathcona.

Miss S. E. Ferguson, of Victoria, Australia, is registered at the Dominion.

The Rev. J. P. Westman, of Calgary, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. V. H. Wilson, of Koksilah, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

G. B. MacMillan, of Port Angeles, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

L. M. Felt and Mrs. Felt, of Chicago, are stopping at the Dominion.

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The Quebec Bank

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

The Ninety-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Quebec Bank was held in the Board Room of the Head Office in Quebec, Monday, 6th December, 1915, at 8 o'clock.

The following were present:—

Andrew C. Joseph, Arthur E. Scott, J. G. Scott, S. P. Grogan, Loring W. Bailey, Jr., John F. Burstall, Gaspard Lemoine, John T. Ross, Peter Laing, John N. McIntyre, Vesey Boswell, B. B. Stevenson, Reginald C. Patton, F. J. Home, Lieut.-Col. E. F. Wurtele.

Mr. J. G. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. S. P. Grogan, that the chair be taken by Mr. John T. Ross, and Mr. R. C. Patton be requested to act as Secretary of the meeting.—Carried.

The Chairman read the Report of the Directors, as follows:—

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Annual Report covering the year ended 30th October, 1915, together with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The net profits for the year, after making provision for interest due depositors, operating expenses and unearned interest on current loans, amounting to \$233,420.37; there has been paid out of this quarterly dividends amounting to \$191,429.00, and three quarterly payments of the Government War Tax on circulation, \$13,394.11.

The sum of \$55.00 has been received as premium on new Capital Stock issued, and transferred to Rest Account.

The depression of last year (now happily disappearing) accentuated by the unprecedented conditions induced by the war, made it advisable to take account of the inevitable depreciation in the value of our assets and, in consequence, we have set aside the sum of \$337,000.00 to provide for contingencies. To allow of this, the sum of \$308,750.00 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account from the Rest Account, which is maintained and available for this purpose.

The Rest Account now stands at the sum of \$1,000,000.00.

The following branches were opened during the year: Alberta, Kyle; Quebec, St. Jean Chrystienne; St. Viateur Street, Montreal; and the branches closed were: Alberta, Empress; Quebec, Cap de la Madeleine (sub-agency); Cedars, St. Nicholas, (sub-agency); Saskatchewan, Bulyea; Pennant, Ponteix.

All the offices of the Bank have been inspected during the year.

The Auditors, who have added their report to the Balance Sheet, are eligible, and have offered themselves for re-election.

The Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the efficiency and faithful services of the staff.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. ROSS,
President.

The General Manager read the Statement of the affairs of the Bank as on the 31st October, 1915.

THE QUEBEC BANK

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ended 30th of October, 1915

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward from 31st October, 1914.....	\$ 11,448.22
Profits for the year after deducting expenses of management, interest due and paid to depositors, and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.....	233,420.37
Premium on new Stock.....	55.00
Transferred from Rest Account.....	808,750.00
	\$ 808,750.00
Appropriated as follows:—	
Dividends Nos. 203-204-205-206, at 7 per cent. per annum.....	191,429.00
Dominion Government War Tax on Circulation.....	13,394.11
Premium on new Stock transferred to Rest Account.....	55.00
Provision for Contingencies.....	337,000.00
Balance at credit carried forward.....	11,795.48
	\$ 553,713.59

REST.

By Balance at Credit 31st October, 1914.....	\$ 1,308,655.00
Premium on new Capital Stock.....	55.00
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account.....	808,750.00
To Balance carried forward 30th October, 1915.....	1,000,000.00

J. PEREGRINE JONES, Chief Accountant.	
B. B. STEVENSON, General Manager.	
JOHN T. ROSS, President.	

GENERAL STATEMENT—30th October, 1915

LIABILITIES.

Notes of the Bank in Circulation.....	\$ 2,209,808.00
Deposits not bearing interest.....	2,888,156.47
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to 30th October, 1915.....	11,618,767.18
	14,406,913.65

Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	253,373.16
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	20,406.56
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....	1,738.66
Liabilities not included in the foregoing.....	197,187.42

Total Liabilities to the Public.....	\$17,089,425.45
Capital Stock paid in.....	2,735,000.00
Rest.....	1,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	11,795.48
Dividend No. 206, payable 1st December, 1915.....	447,862.50
	\$20,884,083.43

ASSETS.

Current Coin.....	\$ 359,906.50
Dominion Notes.....	1,576,724.00
Notes of other Banks.....	174,187.00
Cheques on other Banks.....	827,920.37
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	659,739.23
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value.....	56,590.00
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian.....	434,193.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	1,776,272.94
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	\$140,029.88
	\$ 9,045,012.50
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	\$9,744,030.08
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per Contra.....	1,738.66
Real Estate, other than Bank Premises.....	53,550.00
Overdue Debts, estimated less provided for.....	149,310.67
Bank Premises.....	1,616,701.18
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund.....	102,000.00
Mortgage on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	11,340.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.....	161,401.14
	\$11,839,069.63
	\$20,884,083.43

J. PEREGRINE JONES, Chief Accountant.	
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JOHN T. ROSS, President.	

To the President and Shareholders of the Quebec Bank:

We beg to report that we have examined the above Statement and have verified the items shown thereon from the Books of Account, records, and certified Branch returns of the Bank.

The cash on hand, the investments and the securities of the Bank at the Head Office have been verified as required by the Bank Act. We also visited a number of the important Branches of the Bank during the year and have verified the cash and securities held by them.

All information required has been given us during our examination, and all transactions coming under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We certify that the above Statement correctly sets forth the position of

the Bank at the close of its fiscal year according to the Books of Account, documents, and records examined by us.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. ROSS,
A. F. C. ROSS,
JOHN W. ROSS,
Chartered Accountants.

Montreal, Nov. 30, 1915.

Before moving the adoption of the report remarks were invited by the Chairman, to which Mr. John F. Burstall stated that as no Shareholder had any comment to make the statements presented must be considered satisfactory.

Mr. John T. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Vesey Boswell, that the Report and Statements now read be adopted and published for the information of the Shareholders.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. E. Scott, seconded by Mr. L. W. Bailey, Jr., that James G. Ross, A. F. C. Ross and J. W. Ross be re-elected auditors for the coming year, and the remuneration, including all expenses, shall not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars per annum.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. John F. Burstall, seconded by Mr. A. C. Joseph, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their valuable services during the past year. In reply to which the President expressed his thanks on behalf of the Directors.

Mr. Gaspard Lemoine moved, seconded by Mr. Peter Laing, that Mr. Arthur E. Scott and Lieut.-Col. E. F. Wurtele be appointed scrutineers of the ballot, and that the ballot box be now opened and remain open until 4.30 o'clock of this day for the election of Directors, and that if five minutes elapse without a vote being cast the scrutineers be permitted to close the ballot box.—Carried.

The Scrutineers reported as follows:—
B. B. Stevenson, Esq., General Manager, The Quebec Bank;

Dear Sir,—

We have to report that having acted as Scrutineers at the election held this day, the following gentlemen have been elected Directors for the ensuing year: John T. Ross, R. MacD. Paterson, Vesey Boswell, Gaspard Lemoine, Thomas McDougall, G. G. Stuart, K. C., J. E. Allard, Peter Laing, and John M. McIntyre.

(Signed),

ERNEST F. WURTELE,
ARTHUR E. SCOTT.

At a meeting of the Directors held immediately after the Annual Meeting, Mr. John T. Ross was re-elected President, and Mr. R. MacD. Paterson, Vice-President for the coming year.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN SESSION

Discuss Need of Theatrical Censorship; School Trustee Nominee Chosen

The regular monthly meeting of the Local Council of Women was held on Monday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. Rest Rooms, Miss Crease, the president, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An important announcement was made in connection with the election of school trustees in January, when four vacancies are to be filled. It was moved and seconded by Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Whyte Birch, respectively, that Mrs. Rolston be the council nominee for school trustee.

The matter of censorship came up for discussion, and the president expressed surprise that the British Columbia censor was a censor of moving pictures only. Mrs. Hanington stated that this censor was Mr. Gordon, of Vancouver, and that this office was in the attorney-general's department. She also complained of one of the acts given during the past week at Pantages theatre. Miss Crease had interviewed the manager of Pantages, who had declined to put a stop to the special act in question. The council were agreed that means should be devised to prevent unsuitable shows from appearing in the city. Mrs. William Grant moved that a committee be formed to see the attorney-general and ask for proper censorship of all theatrical performances. Mrs. Foulkes was of opinion that co-operation with Vancouver would give more weight, and Mrs. Hanington expressed regret that the council was inadequately reported by the press.

In putting the motion re the appointment of proper censorship for theatrical performances, the president, with the consent of the mover and seconder, added that the committee should first communicate with the Vancouver Local Council of Women, who should appoint delegates or give the Victoria Local Council of Women authority to represent them. The following committee was appointed to act with the convener of the standing committee on equal moral standards: Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. J. D. Gordon. It was decided not to ask for a woman censor, as the present censor was regarded as doing his work admirably.

In the correspondence was a letter from Miss Paterson, the Vancouver barrister, who expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the Victoria Local Council had managed the signing of the Coward petition.

Miss Kittle, on behalf of the Blue Cross, wrote acknowledging receipt of \$20 from the Local Council of Women, and expressing thanks for help given. Mrs. W. Cummings reported briefly on the annual meeting of the National Local councils were asked to attempt placing women on the board of censors for moving-picture shows, to keep a health day, and to support the official organ, "The Woman's Century," by subscribing and taking stock. She also promised to issue the year book promptly.

Returned Soldiers.
It was reported that returned soldiers were being cared for properly, and Mrs. Kennedy was requested to keep the council in touch with the work done in this connection, and to deal with the needs as they came up. Mrs. Kennedy reported that she had secured the services of Mr. Cox, a blind piano-tuner, to teach braille to any blind soldiers coming to the city. The Work Point hospital also came up for some discussion. Among other things it was noted that one trained nurse had been installed there.

Mrs. Hasell, for the Red Cross, reported that the local Red Cross, as a temporary measure had undertaken to aid the local regimental hospitals, and on Monday the 103rd Battalion had been sent equipment for a hospital for the men in training for service.

Also during the meeting Mrs. Hanington moved that a resolution go on the agenda for the annual meeting urging military training for boys in school hours as part of the curriculum.

ceipts were \$69.75, so that there was little over, although all expenses had been covered. The corresponding secretary reported having forwarded the Coward petition to Vancouver. Mrs. Henderson reported for the gymkhana held on November 12, that \$121.65 and \$2 had been donated. The expenses had been \$33.75. A cheque for \$30 had been sent to the Blue Cross.

Notice was given of a tea to be held at the Victoria club in aid of the day nursery funds.

On motion of Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Hasell, the secretary was instructed to send a note of condolence to Mrs. R. B. McMicking, one of the oldest members of the council, on the occasion of the death of her husband. A vote of sympathy was also passed to Mrs. W. J. Roper on her continued illness. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Fahey for singing at the tea given to Lady Aberdeen.

OLD SOLDIER CHOSEN

Appointment of Water Meter Reader Made; Arrangements for Rock Quarries.

Having decided to select a water meter reader and collector only from ex-soldiers, the Saanich council in works committee yesterday after three ballots appointed G. Leonard to the position. He is an ex-soldier, an Egyptian war veteran, has a son at the front, and another in hospital. There was another applicant who is an ex-soldier, and who has been twice to the front. He is single, however, and the majority of the council therefore preferred the married man.

Further progress was made with the arbitration proceedings to determine the compensation to be paid for expropriated water pipes. The owners in the Cloverdale district having chosen William Graham, of Tennyson avenue, the council selected selected Anton Henderson, ex-alderman of Victoria, and a prominent resident. Probably the umpire for the hearing will be a civil engineer, the choice lying with the two arbitrators. As the municipal department of the government declined to give an award, this arbitration was the only means of dealing with the matter.

The council authorized the grading of Bolekline road near the Canadian Northern railway crossing, the rock to be taken from the hill on Cloverdale avenue. An arrangement has now been made with regard to the supply of rock for Shelbourne street. In addition to a site on the Cedar Hill road, a rock face on Mount Tolmie road, near the Normal school, has been secured for quarrying. This work can proceed in the winter.

The problem of housing, revision of constitution, council day, and "The Woman's Century" were left over for the present as not immediately pressing. The report on the tea for Lady Aberdeen showed expenses totalling \$66.25, and bouquet \$3. The total re-

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HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Report of B. C. Protestant Orphans Home Shows Healthy Position.

The B. C. Protestant Orphans Home, it was shown at the annual meeting yesterday, is now occupied by 25 girls and 29 boys.

The report of the committee of management as submitted by the president, Charles Hayward, set forth that despite the many calls upon the public the orphanage continued to receive generous aid and the work had been carried on without curtailment or impairment in efficiency. Chief items—Revenue totalled \$6,664, compared with \$6,070 in 1914, the principal items having been: Subscriptions, \$2,384; donations, \$2,067; interest, \$566; and maintenance fees, \$1,575. Expenditures totalled \$4,953, as follows: Salaries \$2,197 and supplies \$2,746. The 1914 outlays totalled \$6,667. Regret was expressed at the death of James H. Lawson. The report eulogized the great work done by the ladies' committee.

The following committee of management was selected: A. J. W. Bridgman, T. H. Laundry, Arthur Lee, Lawrence Goodacre, T. W. Hawkins, William Schowcroft, Charles Hayward, A. R. Wolfenden, Thornton Fell, K. C.; Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. E. G. Miller and Rev. A. De B. Owen. Dr. Bryant was re-elected honorary physician; Dr. Lewis Hall, honorary dentist; Thornton Fell,

K. C. solicitor, and W. Curtis Sampson, auditor.

The financial report of the treasurer, A. J. W. Bridgman, showed that for the year ended December 9, with receipts totalled \$10,528, and expenditures, \$7,889, leaving a balance of \$2,639.

Allusion was made to the splendid work of the late matron, Mrs. Kay, who resigned last summer, and of the excellent beginning made by her successor, Miss Johnson, in the report of the ladies' committee, submitted by Mrs. G. A. McFavish. Acknowledgment of donations was made by the committee to a number of friends.

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SEATTLE ARE LEADERS OF HOCKEY LEAGUE

Defeated Portland in Hard-Fought Game Last Night; Score 4 to 2

Seattle, Dec. 15.—The Metropolitan are today resting on the top rung of the P. C. H. A. ladder by virtue of their 4 to 2 defeat of Portland last night. It was a sensational struggle, every minute being full of activity. Only the home team's superior shooting ability gave them their narrow victory. Portland obtained an early lead of one goal in the first period, which they maintained until four minutes after the commencement of the final session, when Morris equalized. Wilson put the Mets. out in front only to have Tobin score again, putting the teams on an even standing. Morris scored one more, placing Seattle in the lead, while Walker completed the night's scoring by bagging the net a few minutes before time.

While the first and second periods were fairly clean, the third period was marred by several mixups, a total of 51 minutes being spent on the fence. Wilson and Oatman committed major fouls and were sent to the fence for 15 minute terms.

Seattle. The Teams. Portland. Holmes. Goal. Murray. Carpenter. Point. Irvine. Rowe. Cover Point. Johnson. Eoyston. Rover. Oatman. Wilson. Right Wing. Harris. Morris. Centre. Dunderdale. Walker. Left Wing. Tobin.

Goal summary: First period—Portland, Tobin, 2:12. Second period—No score. Third period—Seattle, Morris, 4:00; Seattle, Wilson, 15; Portland, Tobin, 9:05; Seattle, Morris, 15; Seattle, Walker, 5:45.

Penalty summary: First period—Irvine, Portland, 3 mins.; Morris, Seattle, 1 min.; Second period—Wilson, Seattle, 1 min.; Third period—Wilson, Seattle, 1 min.; Oatman, Portland, 15 mins.;

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SPORTING NEWS

VICTORIA WON SENSATIONAL GAME FROM CHAMPIONS ON LATTERS' ICE

Aristocrats Overcome Three-Goal Lead; Final Score, 7-5; Soldier George Box Made Brilliant Showing

(By Staff Reporter.)

The Vancouver hockey team is now in possession of the cellar position in the P.C.H.A. standing. They had shared that position with Victoria up to yesterday, but the Aristocrats broke partnership with their rival Canadian aggregation last night by downing the champions on their home ice by the score of 7 to 5. By virtue of this accomplishment they also took their first step championshipward.

There was scarcely a dull minute in the evening's play. The budding tactics of Victoria brought them victory. Their work was not as polished as that of the home club, but after a hopeless showing in the first stages of the game, they came right back and swept the Millionaires off their feet. Hockey heroes rose and fell during the struggle, but none reached the heights attained by Lester Patrick and George Box, while Freddie McCulloch in the nets shared in the glory of the victory by stopping scores of wicked shots that looked like certain goals. He was exceptionally strong on the close-in shots. Often the opposing forwards had only McCulloch to beat, but found him next to invincible in defence. Lester Patrick's splendid individual rushes were features of the struggle that bristled with startling plays. Victoria's admirers are to-day in supreme confidence that the local aggregation is now well on the road towards winning the championship. For Vancouver nothing remains but the memory of the session that started with a blaze of glory and closed with the bitterness of unexpected defeat.

Strong Finish.

Victoria's display greatly resembles their playing of the 1912 season, when they were noted for their strong finishes that brought their final victory in the P.C.H.A. championship. Last night in the early stages of the game it appeared that the Aristocrats were about to suffer their third consecutive defeat. In the opening period the home team skated them off their feet, and it was not until the second period was about half through that the visitors really hit their stride, when they completely out-manoeuvred and out-generalized their opponents. Up to the moment when they started their offensive the score was 4 to 1 against them, but when Referee Tommy Phillips had sounded his whistle for the interval they had attained a 5-to-4 lead. There was little doubt in the final period that the Victoria boys would maintain their advantage, Vancouver, however, was always dangerous, but McCulloch easily withstood all the bombardment, and when the shrill blast of the whistle was sounded for the close of the struggle, Victoria had added two more goals to their list, while the home team had succeeded in breaking, swelling their column one goal.

First Period.

Victoria took the ice with a greatly revised lineup. Jimmy Riley was placed on the right wing, and McDonald was switched to centre. Hardly had the puck been centred off when Micky MacKay secured, made an individual rush through the Victoria team and scored. The time was thirty seconds. It appeared that the champions would run up a big score on the visitors. They made rings round Victoria, but could not augment the score. Shot after shot was rained in on McCulloch, but he turned them all aside. Nine minutes and five seconds of play had elapsed when the Millionaires again scored, MacKay skating through the Victoria team and making a neat pass to Taylor, who scored. For the remainder of the period Vancouver

ver were the aggressors, but did not succeed again in scoring.

Second Period.

While Riley's showing was very creditable, Manager Patrick again switched his lineup. George Box, the soldier hockey player, was sent to centre ice, and McDonald sent to the wing. Victoria were still unsettled and could not get along. After three minutes of play Lester Patrick took the puck through and shot Lehman cleared the puck, and it landed on Mallen's stick, and with a swift shot he placed Victoria in the scoring column. Vancouver was working hard, but McCulloch improved as the game progressed. Ranny McDonald was banished for three minutes for hitting Taylor with his stick. During his absence from the ice Lloyd Cook swelled Vancouver's scoring average, making a beautiful individual rush and beating the Victoria goalie with a hard shot.

Hardly had the puck been faced off when Genge and MacKay were sent to the fence for three minute terms for "roughing it." Upon the latter's return to the ice he put Vancouver further into the lead, after taking a pass from Griffis.

Victoria now started their offensive. Lester Patrick took the puck through and scored. Box took a pass from Mallen and scored, equalizing the count, and then a few minutes before the sound of the whistle for the interval Kerr made a neat pass to McDonald, who placed Victoria in the lead, which they maintained to the end.

Third Period.

Play in the final period greatly favored the visitors. Box was playing a startling game at centre, and was always dangerous. Twelve minutes had elapsed when Victoria again broke into the scoring column. Lester took the puck through the entire Vancouver team and made a neat pass to Box, who easily beat Lehman. Lester Patrick and Cyclone Taylor were sent to the fence for five minutes for rough work. While the two veterans were still warning the bench, Victoria increased its lead. Box passed to Mallen, who scored a few minutes before time. Stanley replaced Seaborn on the Vancouver defence. With but a second of two to go, Taylor passed to Stanley, and the latter scored. The whistle sounded a moment later with Victoria winners of the most sensational struggle of this season's games.

Victoria. The Teams. Vancouver. McCulloch. Goal. Lehman. Genge. Point. Seaborn. Patrick. Cover Point. Griffis. Mallen. Box. Taylor. McDonald. Box. Centre. MacKay. Kerr. Left Wing. Cook. Riley. McDonald. R. Wing. Duncan. O'Leary. Subs. Stanley.

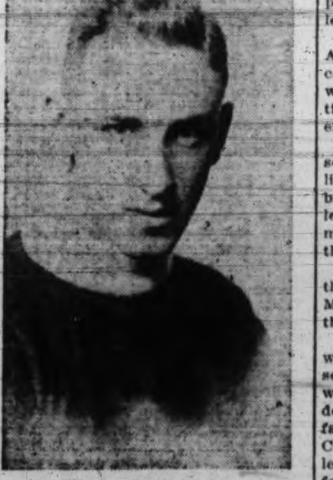
First period—Stanley on for Taylor. Second period—Box on for Riley, Taylor on for Stanley. Third period—Stanley on for Seaborn. Goal Summary. 1. Vancouver—McCulloch, unassisted, 3:30. 2. Vancouver—Taylor from MacKay, 9:00. Second Period. 3. Victoria—Mallen, from Patrick, 2:10. 4. Vancouver—Cook, individual, 4:40. 5. Vancouver—MacKay, from Griffis, 5:30. 6. Victoria—Patrick, individual, 12:20. 7. Victoria—Patrick, from McDonald, 15. 8. Victoria—Box, from Mallen, 15:30. 9. Victoria—McDonald, from Kerr, 2:00. Third Period. 10. Victoria—Box, from Patrick, 12:10. 11. Victoria—Mallen, from Box, 12:10. 12. Vancouver—Stanley, from Taylor, 15:30. Penalty Summary. First period—None. Second period—McDonald, 3 minutes; Genge and MacKay, 3 minutes each. Third period—Taylor and Patrick, 5 minutes each.

Referee, Tommy Phillips; Judge of play, Ed Black; goal timekeeper, Charles Burnett; penalty timekeeper, P. J. Kerley; goal umpires, Harry Godfrey and Dan Irvine.

P. C. H. A. LEADERS

League Standing.	W.	L.	P.	A.
Seattle	3	0	11	1
Portland	2	1	6	5
Victoria	1	2	12	12
Vancouver	0	3	6	11

Individual Scoring Record.	G.	A.	Pts.
Patrick, Victoria	3	4	7
McDonald, Victoria	3	3	6
Walker, Seattle	3	1	6
Tobin, Portland	3	1	6
MacKay, Vancouver	2	3	4
Box, Victoria	2	2	4
Mallen, Victoria	2	2	4
Morris, Seattle	2	0	4
Wilson, Seattle	2	0	4
O'Leary, Victoria	2	1	5
Kerr, Victoria	2	0	4
Dunderdale, Portland	2	0	4
Oatman, Portland	2	0	4
Taylor, Vancouver	1	1	2
Genge, Victoria	1	0	2
Foyston, Seattle	1	0	2
Harris, Portland	1	0	2
Cook, Vancouver	1	0	2
Stanley, Vancouver	1	0	2
Carpenter, Seattle	0	0	1



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Popular local sprinter who is mentioned as wounded in the most recent casualty list. He was a member of the 16th battalion.

MAY RESTORE PEACE AT LEAGUE MEETING

Dreyfuss Will Arrive in Chicago to Talk Over Peace Terms With Johnson

New York, Dec. 15.—With Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates due in Chicago to-day to obtain the views of the American league and its president, Ban H. Johnson, regarding the proposed plan of peace between organized baseball and the Federal league, the members of the National league here marked time and disposed of minor matters. Consideration of constitutional amendments such as the reduction of the number of passes and cutting of the salaries of players during suspension were the chief subjects of the programme of this afternoon's session of the league.

Although none of the magnates will make any formal announcement to that effect, it is the opinion of baseball experts here that the peace plan awaits only the stamp of the American league's approval.

Details of the plan are a matter of much speculation. It was reported to-day that one of the main provisions is that the Federal league shall withdraw its suit against organized baseball, decision in which has not yet been given by Judge K. M. Landis.

Results of a peace compromise, if it comes, are forecast here, are: Passing of the Federal league. Placing of the International league on a firm foundation. End of high salaries for players, some of which are said to have exceeded \$10,000.

Better baseball in the major leagues. Sale of the Chicago Nationals to Charles H. Weeghman, of Chicago, now owner of the Chicago Federals.

Advent in organized baseball of some of the wealthy backers of the Federal league.

One of the chief matters for adjustment would be the cases of contract jumpers associated with the Federal league.

Weeghman Hopes For Peace. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Peace between the Federal league and organized baseball appeared to be in sight to-day, as the club owners of the American league here for their annual meeting, awaited the arrival of Barney Dreyfuss from New York with a message containing peace proposals from the National league.

President B. B. Johnson of the American league admitted that the conference to be held with Dreyfuss, who is owner of the Pittsburgh Nationals, is to be in regard to the Federal league.

"If the Federal league now seeks some arrangement with us, we will listen to them, of course. Naturally, baseball would be better off with two leagues instead of three, but for me making the Federals a personal issue that is absolutely untrue."

Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, said he "hoped Mr. Dreyfuss' trip is for the good of the game."

A report on the Cleveland situation was made to-day by John E. Bruce, secretary of the National commission, who has been investigating on President Johnson's behalf the club's affairs. Charles Somers, president of the Cleveland club, is eager to procure league backing as the head of the club for another year, and will take his fight to the floor of the convention, it was said.

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MCGREGOR COMING WEST.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—Willard McGregor left this city last night for the coast, where he will play hockey for Vancouver. Little is known of McGregor out here. He is a young brother of Mac McGregor, the well-known lacrosse star.

TINKER UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals, submitted to an operation to-day for stone in the kidney. The report from the hospital was that Tinker was resting well after the operation.

BOWLING MATCH.

Next Friday night the 67th Battalion, Western Scots bowling team, will oppose a quintette of pin-toppers representing the 163rd Battalion, C.E.F., at the Arcade alleys. A box of cigars is at stake.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15—5 a.m.—The barometer is steadily rising over this province, and with the exception of snow in Cariboo, fair, colder weather is general, accompanied by moderate winds along the coast. Cold weather prevails in the prairie provinces and snow is falling in Saskatchewan.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours, ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, calm; weather, clear. Vancouver—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .04; weather, clear.

Entrance—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 24; wind, calm; snow, .02; weather, clear. Barkerville—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, .04; weather, snowing.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 24; wind, calm; rain, .1; weather, cloudy.

Tatoush—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .01; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 46; wind, 10 miles N. W.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Penticton	37	27
Nelson	33	23
Calgary	34	24
Edmonton	32	22
Qu'Appelle	10	0
Winnipeg	10	0
Toronto	27	17
Ottawa	22	12
Montreal	26	16
St. John	26	16
Halifax	42	32

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday.

Temperature.

	Highest	Lowest	Average	Minimum on grass	Maximum in sun	Bright sunshine, 4 hours	General state of weather, fair.
	46	34	40	28	50	100	

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Selkirk Water Reclamation.—The civic committee on the reclamation of Selkirk water, met yesterday afternoon, but was compelled to adjourn to a later date, on account of the absence of the representative of the Cameron Lumber Co., who had been invited.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

54, 516, 344, 368, 400, 416, 422, 438, 476, 488, 522, 527, 534, 535, 562, 572, 584, 590, 595, 612, 619, 626, 641, 2177, 2354, 2355, 2385.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS.—However great, however little, all gods made out of clay are brittle. Diggons Printing Co. Special this week: Ladies' calling cards, printed complete, 50c. box of fifty. 706 Yates street. d15

NITROGEN BULBS for 1915-16 Ford cars give more and better light, especially for wet pavements. At Jamieson & Rolfe, corner Gordon and Courtenay streets (next Union Club). d15

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FIRST-CLASS ROOMS. heated, 1 block from Parliament Buildings, 432 Government street. Phone 2514. d15

FOR SALE. Pure bred Irish setter pups, from good working stock. A. Stewart, Lake Hill P. O. d15

WOULD EXCHANGE. good low down force pump, with tubing, for bricks. Box 58, Times Office. d17

TO RENT.—Furnished, a 6-room bungalow, furnace, piano, 4 minutes' walk from car. \$15 per month. Apply "Fernhurst," Burnside road. Phone H41. d17

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.—Pair fine hand-etched linen sheets (never used) and Royal Worcester porcelain pot-pourri jar and bonbonniere. Women's Council Depot, Fort Street. d18

COMMERCIAL MAN.—married, trained in merchant's, manufacturing and estate business, desirable position, thoroughly capable bookkeeper, manager, secretary; best recommendations. C. Box 1060, Post Office. d21

LOST.—On December 9, mark III. Ross rifle, No. 2. Finder please return to Quartermaster's Stores, 24th Regiment Highlanders of Canada, new Drill Hall, Victoria. d17

WANTED.—To lease, chicken and fruit ranch. Box 86, Times. d17

TWO COMFORTABLE housekeeping rooms, bath, moderate. Phone 1413. d17

WANTED.—Live turkeys, chickens and ducks. Phone 3264. Address, 231 Cedar Hill road. d17

DANCE TO-NIGHT at Progressive Temple, light lunch; 25c. d16

MAN.—in bachelor quarters, wants partner; expenses small. Box 85, Times. d21

HOTEL-KEEPING ROOMS. \$1.00; full bachelors. 522 Fort. d21

LOST.—Tuesday night, 14th inst., mink collar, either on David street or corner David and Fort. Finder kindly leave call at Times Office or Phone 4724. d17

CRASHDARROCH SNAP.—Owner forced to sell; will take \$250 for good building lot, 6x100, cost \$750 in 1912. 224 Pemberton Building. d17

GLASSES FOR EATHER AND MOTHER.—Hand them certificates good for one pair of glasses each and a careful test of the eyes upon return of the certificates. Mrs. Frank Clayton, optician, 624 Yates street, corner Douglas. d15

EXCHANGE.—Four roomed house on Inverness street, mortgage \$80, for lot in Saanich. Northwest Real Estate, 1212 Douglas street. d17

EXCHANGE.—Chambers street, 8 roomed house, agreement \$2,500; make offer cash or exchange. Northwest Real Estate, 1212 Douglas street. d17

EXCHANGE.—Land on the prairie for property here. Northwest Real Estate, 1212 Douglas street. d17

CLEAN, FURNISHED FLAT. bedroom, sitting room and kitchen, \$15. Inquire 1059 Douglas street. Phone 4701. d17

FOR SALE.—Nine room, modern residence, garage, lawn, every convenience; owner leaving; price \$3,500; mortgage \$2,500, balance cash. Box 83, Times. d17

I HAVE a few Chinese men and boys wanting work; cooking, or will do any kind of work; on steamers, in private families, or willing to go anywhere. Phone 524. G. R. George, 1206 Government street. d17

FOR RENT.—Five roomed bungalow, furnished, James Bay. \$15. Phone 4691. d17

MILLWOOD. \$2.50 double load; cordwood \$1.50 (stove lengths). Phone 3008. d15

PASSED AWAY.

REVELY.—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 15th inst., Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. Gowen and the late Charles Gowen, and relict of the late Captain Revely, all of this city. (Hedley Gazette please copy.)

LOCAL NEWS

Dance Programme Pencils carried in all colors, at wholesale prices. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1010-12 Langley. ☆ ☆ ☆

Silver Spring Beer. 2 qts. for 25c. ☆ ☆ ☆

Good Sensible Gift for Xmas. 25 per cent. discount at Wenger's. ☆ ☆ ☆

French Red Cross Tea. Oak Bay hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆

Phoenix Beer.—2 qts. for 25c. ☆ ☆ ☆

Civic Sewers Committee.—The civic sewers committee is meeting this afternoon to consider the question of the securing of the right-of-way for the Northwest sewer, north of Selkirk water.

Lecture on West of England.—Rev. J. G. Inkster, who lived for some time in Bristol, England, is giving an illustrated lecture at the First Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock, on the cities and counties around Bristol, with special reference to Bristol, Bath, Wells, Chipstead, Westown, Clevedon, and steamer trips around the Bristol channel. Lieut.-Governor Barnard will preside. The proceeds will be in aid of the Red Cross fund.

Campaigners Meet.—The British Campaigners' Association executive, at the meeting to-morrow evening, will report to its members the progress made with the scheme launched a month ago to provide a club for soldiers returning from the front, which was thoroughly approved by the soldiers who attended the association meeting in November.

University School Play To-night.—The Christmas play to be given to-night at the University school, will commence at 8 o'clock. The play is "Handy Andy's" drama in two acts by W. R. Floyd, and will be acted by members of the school. The Christmas term ends to-night, and it is anticipated that many of the parents and friends of the students will be present at the breaking-up. Special cars will leave the city at 7.15 p. m., arriving at the school at 7.35 p. m., and a car will leave the Jubilee hospital corner at 7.45 p. m., arriving at the school at 8 p. m. The cars will leave the school for the city at 10.30 p. m.

More Gifts Needed.—Yesterday the Women's Canadian club received only 415 gifts for the Christmas tree for the soldiers' children. The number was disappointing, as it will still require hundreds more gifts to supply each of the 1,234 little ones who are to be the guests of the club on December 22 with something from Santa Claus. Anyone who remembers being small can easily imagine the bitter disappointment of any little folks who fail to receive something from the good tree on the great occasion, so the executive of the Women's Canadian club are again appealing for gifts. In order that the collection may be assembled and sorted out it is requested that everyone with something for the small people will leave it by Saturday morning of this week either with the High School or at Campbell's Drug store. Mr. Campbell has very kindly given permission for the women to have a basket at the entrance to his store, where gifts may be dropped. Things for very small tots and for boys and girls over ten years of age are particularly needed.

ENLISTMENT GOOD.

Many More Names Added to Roll of 103rd Battalion.

The 103rd battalion has enlisted the following men during the past two days. There were many more applicants to-day, and the recruiting continues to be very good. The list follows: R. H. Mathews, H. W. Lacoursiere, W. D. Sampson, A. Rueff, R. Williams, G. H. Miles, G. T. York, R. A. Reid, P. G. Stone, F. Smith, H. Rae, A. Jewsbury, J. P. Sam, F. H. Cassels, P. Jones, R. Budil, R. Parker, W. E. Pecor, A. Bacon, J. Kenny, D. Irvine, C. J. Morgan, F. French, G. Ritchie, J. D. Dean, F. F. McLean, W. J. Winter, R. W. Rivers, F. Derbyshire, W. D. Barton, R. W. Hamilton, T. Mullen, G. N. Vernon, A. Ragazzoni, C. Streeter, O. Tapp, F. Unsworth, J. H. Speer, F. E. Toms, F. Toms, J. K. Black and R. Lee.

STILL MAINTAIN MEN ARE AVAILABLE

Trades and Labor Council President Answers Criticism of Machinists

On the question of machinists' and munition work A. S. Wells, president of the Trades & Labor council, desires to make some reply to the statements given by employers to a committee of the Victoria school board.

"The statement," he told the Times this morning, "that more men are needed in the city is incorrect. We are in a position to supply competent machinists at the present time. Only this morning men have applied to us to secure them employment.

"With regard to the suggestion that there is any idea of a strike, this is one of the usual insinuations of the employers, and is without basis. It is made with the idea of discrediting the working men.

"As to the statement that the employers are paying as high wages as elsewhere in Canada, the following will prove enlightening. Wages in Montreal are 50c per hour, Revelstoke 45c, Calgary 45c, Winnipeg 45c, and Victoria 38.5c. With regard to the statement that men are averaging \$150 per month, I would like to point out that only about four are receiving this money, and they are on piece work, engaged eleven hours per day, six days in the week. Two places pay 45c per hour. Men have been refused work who asked 42 cents an hour.

"If Victoria loses any contracts it will not be because of the lack of men but because of the lack of equipment. The statement is being made that these men applying for work are not competent, and yet the observation is made also that boys are being trained. How do these statements agree? We repeat that the machine shops have not got the equipment that would only enable partially skilled men to carry out the work. However, we will do everything possible to fill any shortage of men for the shops, providing that the employers will give equal wages to other places. Hamilton reports that men imported from the United States will not stay on account of bad working conditions.

"We maintain that there are sufficient men for all present requirements, that the shops were working night shifts until the first orders were completed. We submit that men who are competent remain idle, and that residents should be given first chance of employment."

CONCERT PROGRAMME GOOD.

Christmas Entertainment of Ladies' Musical Club to Be Held To-morrow Night.

The Ladies' Musical club has arranged one of the most attractive programmes for their Christmas concert to be held to-morrow night at the Empress hall. For some time past the club has been fortunate in securing so accomplished a player as Miss Marian Hemm for their solo pianiste, they also have secured D. C. Hughes, the well-known Welsh lyric tenor, and Jasper Butcliffe, a Vancouver violinist whose name is known to all music-lovers in the west of Canada. The Empress orchestra, under Mr. Turner, will also play.

Among the very interesting numbers of the evening will be those by the Ladies' Choral, which will be heard for the first time at any of these entertainments. Under the leadership of Mrs. Davenport, this choir, of between thirty and forty voices will give two selections.

The following is the programme:

Club Motto.
Orchestra (Empress Hotel) ... Beethoven
There Were Shepherds ... Frank Lynes
Ladies' Choral.
Vocal Solo—Somewhere a Voice Is Calling ... D. C. Hughes
Violin Solo—Selected ... Jasper Butcliffe.
The Sailors' Christmas ... Chaminade
Ladies' Choral.
Piano Solo—Sonata Op. 10 ... Beethoven
Allegro Assai, Andante Con Moto, Allegro Presto.
Miss M. Hemm.
Vocal Solo—The Last Watch ... Pinault
D. C. Hughes.
Violin Solo—Selected ... Jasper Butcliffe.
The Lost Chord ... Sullivan, arr. Bartlett
Ladies' Choral.
God Save the King.
Woman's National Anthem.
Hon. conductor, Mrs. Davenport; accompanists, Mrs. A. J. Gibson, Miss Rita McTavish; organist, Mr. Parsons.

WILD ANIMALS.

Suggested on seeing the B. C. Big Game pictures at the Movies.

They are the children of the earth. The naked earth and snow. The pathless forest gives them birth. Out of the rocks they grow.

They know no past to blight their day. They live the hour, the night, the day. And fall spontaneous, too.

For land or lease they battle not. No claims are filed or kept. Their fortune is the food unbought. They gather step by step.

The flower, the fruit, the cliff, the creek. They know by sight and smell. They have no word to think and speak. By which to know and tell.

Themselves unnamed, unruly, unclassified. No purpose of their own. Unrestrained from their diurnal past. Just like the tree and stone.

Hard boomed on the rock and clay. Cold bedded on the snow. They live the hour, the night, the day. And that is all they know.

—Skookum Chuck in Ashcroft Journal.

The paper that is paid for is read. The subscriber is interested in it or he would not pay for it. The advertiser in its pages is assured of interest and publicity that is not limited by the number or size of the pages.

WAS FOURTH LARGEST IN WHOLE OF CANADA

City's Subscription to National Loan Takes Important Place in Dominion

Although the twelfth city of Canada in point of population, Victoria is fourth in its subscription to the Canadian National loan, according to the published list of subscribers available yesterday. The city's subscription of \$250,000 is also the second largest individual subscription in British Columbia, being only surpassed by the British Columbia Sugar Refining company, of Vancouver. The cities of Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg alone are larger than Victoria, while the neighboring municipality of Saanich is seventh in the list of British Columbia municipalities with \$24,500.

The Monetary Times, in the current issue, states that the moneys received on account of subscriptions will be left on deposit for the credit of the minister of finance with the several banks from which they are withdrawn by the depositors. The instalment payments are spread over six months, and the total amount raised by the loan will be spent in Canada in raising, equipping, and sending forward Canadian troops. The city's contribution states that as the formal notice of withdrawal must reach Ottawa by Saturday, the city figure definitely stands. All subscriptions, except those of banks, says the circular, will be received and the amounts allotted.

There is little doubt that the decision to place a quarter of a million dollars of the available sinking fund investments in the national loan will be the best advertisement Victoria will get financially in 1915, as it is an indication of the careful attention to details since the summer of 1913 in preserving the city's credit.

FOUR MORE SOLDIERS BACK FROM FRANCE

Pte. Smale, Wounded at Ypres, One of Big Family Serving the Colors

Another party of wounded soldiers returned yesterday to the city, two of whom are now at the Convalescent home, Esquimalt. The men are Ptes. Smale, Waddell, Piesles and McKee. Pte. Waddell has gone to his home at Cowichan; Pte. McKee has secured a position as constable at the Saanich jail. The other two are at the Convalescent Home, Esquimalt.

Seen this morning by a Times reporter, Pte. Smale said that he had been in hospital in one place or another for over seven months. He had nothing but the most grateful comment to make of the uniformly kind and considerate treatment that he had received during all this time, but was, nevertheless, getting tired of the confinement. The returned soldier was wounded in the big action at Ypres on April 24 last, a gunshot wound disabling his left arm and shoulder. At first it was thought he would have to suffer amputation of the limb, but an eminent surgeon recommended massage, and he is still hopeful that the use of his arm may be restored in time.

Pte. Smale enlisted with the New Westminster Fusiliers, and even before the declaration of war had non-commissioned officer's rank of corporal in that regiment. Ypres was the first big action in which the Canadians took part, and he had not been many weeks in the trenches before this. After he was wounded he was taken down to Boulogne hospital for about twelve days, and thence sent over to England to the Fifth Northern General hospital, Leicester. Here he remained for five months, until sent to the Canadian Convalescent Home at Esquimalt, from which he left just on the eve of his departure for Canada.

Commenting on the treatment of the soldiers in the English hospitals, the soldier could not say enough in appreciation for the attention he received there. The hospitals were all under military government, and conducted in the most efficient way imaginable.

No less than fourteen of his near relatives are fighting. Five of these are brothers, two of whom is in the marines, two are in the navy and two in the army. He has also three sisters in France nursing, or had until quite recently at least. One, who was on a hospital train which ran very close in to the firing line, had been wounded in the back by shrapnel, and he believed that she was now in hospital in England herself.

He was one of a party of one hundred and nineteen wounded soldiers who came on the Scandinavian. Most of these, he stated, were of No. 2 class, that is, patients for convalescent homes and not ready for immediate discharge. All the soldiers were agreed that the arrangements for their reception at Quebec are everything that could possibly be desired. The journey through to Western Canada was made almost without a break. Pte. Smale's home is in England, where he would have liked to remain had it been possible, but as in the case of other men belonging to the old country, who enlisted with Canadian battalions, by remaining in England on their discharge, they would lose the government grant.

Don't Forget the tea in aid of French Red Cross fund.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

CLAYTON SAID HE WAS A RETURNED SOLDIER

Committed for Trial—Charged With Getting Money Under False Pretences

Frank Clayton appeared in the police court again this morning and was charged with having obtained money and goods by false pretences. He decided that he would take a trial by a higher court, and after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Jay to-day he was committed for trial. The magistrate decided on the evidence adduced that there was sufficient to warrant the man being put on trial.

Clayton, according to the evidence given by witnesses, went into a grocery store and told the proprietor that he was a returned soldier suffering from the effects of gas while in the trenches in France. The witness, who related the occurrence of Clayton's visit to him, said Clayton limped and dragged one leg. He asked for groceries and was told he could have them if he produced the necessary order. This he did, and the goods were wrapped up. Accused tendered a cheque in payment, and endorsed it in the store. He took part of the goods and \$2.50 in cash. The other goods were left in the store wrapped up for delivery, but were never delivered.

Clayton's story of his war experiences fell down when he showed the storekeeper marks on his hip which he asserted were the healed wound caused by shrapnel. The grocer did not believe him. He said this morning the marks looked more like birth marks, and he became suspicious and immediately Clayton left, went to the detective office and told the story. The result was that Clayton was arrested. A bank official gave evidence that the cheque given by Clayton in payment for the goods was no good.

Clayton, when asked if he wished to cross-examine witnesses, said he had several questions to ask, but would wait until the trial in the next court.

AUTO ASSOCIATION

Meeting on Important Matters Will Be Held at Pemberton Block To-night at 8 o'clock.

A general meeting of the Island Automobile association will be held to-night at the office of the association in the Pemberton block. All members are asked by the president, A. E. Todd, to attend at 8 o'clock. The club will discuss the co-operation of the members with the Rotary club in giving enjoyment to 255 poor children on the afternoon of Dec. 23. The part of the automobile club will be to attend with cars after the show at the theatre, and drive the children home. The automobile club proposes to give the orphan children of Victoria a ride on Christmas morning, and wants to make arrangements for this to-night.

There will be a discussion on the Canadian highway project being advanced by Mr. Todd, and on the new customs regulation against which the club proposes to protest.

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Table Raisins—"After Dinner" Brand. Special, pkt. 15c	Local Fresh Eggs. Special, per dozen 55c
Non-Alcoholic Fruit Wines. Special, bottle 35c	Prime Smoked Ham. Special, per lb. 19c
Crystallized Cherries and Pine-apples. Special, jar 65c	Sugar Cured Bacon. Special, taking the piece 23c
New Mixed Peel. Special, per lb. 30c	Cambridge Sausages. Special, per lb. 20c
Cranberry Sauce—"Tea Garden" Brand. Special, jar 30c	Pickled Pork—Our own cure. Special, 2 lbs. for 35c
Ripe Olives—Pint tins. Special, 3 tins for \$1.00	Local Turkeys—Place Your Order Now.
Fine New Walnuts. Special, 2 lbs. for 35c	Local Geese—Place Your Order Now.
Queen Olives—Regular. 25c. Special, 2 bottles 35c	Local Ducks—Place Your Order Now.
Menier's Cocoa—Reg. 20c. Special, 3 for 25c	Local Chickens—Place Your Order Now.
Ghirardelli Cocoa—Reg. 20c. Special, 3 for 25c	Xmas Cream Candies. Special, per lb. 25c

CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON STREETS

ALTERED NAME ON HOTEL REGISTER

Agent for German Consul-General Was in Victoria Again in October

The story told by Johannes Henrikus Van Koollbergen, in the form of an affidavit on August 27 last, a copy of which has been published in the Providence Journal, is not the whole record of his connection with Victoria.

It is stated in that affidavit, which relates the association of this man with the German conspiracy on the Pacific coast, now under investigation, that in May he came to Victoria with Mr. Tweedie from Vancouver, and saw the district officer commanding, Col. Ogilvie, as a result of which certain arrangements were made.

It appears that Van Koollbergen, as he now spells his name, registered at the Dominion hotel on October 26 last. The personal column of the Times next day stated "J. H. von Koollberger, wife and son, of San Francisco, are registered at the Dominion hotel."

The guest came down to breakfast

next day with a copy of the Times in his hand, and went over to the desk, drawing the attention of the staff to the fact that he "was a Dutchman."

He took a pen and personally scored out the "von," substituting "van," and turned "Koollberger" into "Koollbergen."

The circumstantial story which Van Koollbergen gives about the negotiations in Vancouver, and the well-known names which he mentions, will probably provoke some formal statement about the mission which brought him to the B. C. cities at least twice this year.

Friendly Help Moves.—The Friendly Help society has removed from its old rooms above the Market place to the offices vacated by the detective department, right next to the main entrance of the Market building. Here Miss Lawson and the other ladies in charge will be in attendance daily until after Christmas between the hours of 9.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. They will be very glad to receive gifts of any kind suitable for Christmas hampers for the families who are to be helped this season. Any new garments and children's new underwear is very badly needed, and all the donations possible will be useful.

Meat King Here.—P. Burns, of Calgary, principal pecker in the Dominion, is in the city to-day inspecting his interests in Victoria, and meeting his local managers.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WHEN we inaugurated our Grand Removal Sale we confidently expected to be out of our present location and established in our new premises before Christmas.

This, we find, will be impossible, as our new store will not be ready for occupation until after Christmas.

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We have decided to place the whole of this magnificent stock on sale at once, and will apply the same reduction principle as we have done to our other stock, namely:—

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GERMAN AEROPLANE WAS BROUGHT DOWN

Between Oise and Aisne French Blew Up German Munitions Depot.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The official report this afternoon says: "Last night was relatively quiet. There was fighting with hand grenades in the Artois district and elsewhere. Between the Oise and the Aisne, heavy French shells caused the explosion of a depot of German munitions in the region of Tracy-le-Val. "In the Vosges, at Ban de Sapt, we used our artillery. "One of our aviators on the 14th made an attack below Schleithardt, Alsace, on an enemy machine, which was put to rout. Two others engaged in combat three Albatrosses within the lines of the enemy in the Artois district. One Albatross was compelled to land. "Finally one of our air squadrons, in conjunction with British aviators, bombarded the aviation field of the Germans at Herville, near the Somme."

German Claims.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Four aeroplanes of the allies, including one biplane with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced to-day, during raids on Bapaume and Peronne, in France, and Mulheim, Baden.

A successful attack on a British steamship was made by German aviators. In the Balkan campaign the retreating Serbians are being pursued farther. Southwest of Plevlje, in northern Montenegro, they were driven across the Tara river and farther to the east, across the Grab-Brodovo line. Several hundred prisoners were taken.

BETTER THAN EVER.

British admirals have been happiest when taking on unreasonable odds, and the attack on the Danubian was hardly more reckless than Nelson's attack on Copenhagen, which came within an ace of disaster. Would Nelson have fitted into the 20th century, with its scientific computation of chances, or did his daring genius require an age when glory lay in achieving the impossible? Britain has had its Nelsons and Wellingtons, as well as its Vernons and Wentworths, but in systematic efficiency by land and by sea it stands far higher at the present moment than ever in the past. Springfield, Republican.

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WAS ARRESTED IN VANCOUVER NOV. 12

Van Koolbergen Was Detained by Immigration Authorities Here for Time

IS SERVING TERM IN PRISON AT LETHBRIDGE

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Van Koolbergen, the man who worked the "double cross" on the German consular officials at San Francisco in connection with alleged attempts to blow up tunnels of the C. P. R., also tried to "double cross" the Canadian military authorities, according to information disclosed to-day following the publication of the text of an affidavit made by Van Koolbergen in San Francisco on August 27 last.

Van Koolbergen, while ostensibly working for the Germans, and communicating his plans to and collaborating with the Canadian authorities of the secret and military service, also was endeavoring to work a double-barrelled scheme the other way, it is believed. During his residence here, and in other parts of British Columbia, he was constantly under the closest surveillance, and as a result of alleged suspicious actions he was arrested at the instance of the district intelligence officers on his return from San Francisco after successfully collecting from the German consular officials in that city for the operations he described on the C. P. R.

Last June, at the time it was proposed to locate at Kamloops a central mobilization camp for overseas troops training in British Columbia, Van Koolbergen quietly slipped out of Vancouver, ostensibly on a fishing trip, but he went up to Kamloops, with secret service operatives, unknown to him, watching his every movement. It is stated that he tried to get into communication from Kamloops with the German consulate-general at San Francisco. The central mobilization camp was not established at Kamloops, as had been proposed, but was located in the Okanagan Valley.

Suspicious Actions.

Other suspicious actions on Van Koolbergen's part are understood to have caused the Canadian authorities to have him arrested. No particulars of these have been disclosed, but it is declared authoritatively that he was trying to work on the Canadian authorities what he had accomplished successfully on the German plotters in San Francisco.

While in San Francisco Van Koolbergen was on terms of social intimacy with Varon von Brincken. The former's wife and the latter's wife (she was his fiancée at the time) used to visit each other. For social purposes Van Koolbergen and his wife masqueraded under titles of the Count and Countess de Monceau. They are well known in San Francisco social circles, under those aliases. Van Koolbergen was invited to be present at Baron von Brincken's wedding, which took place in San Francisco on October 27.

After making his affidavit in San Francisco, Van Koolbergen, knowing that his life would be endangered immediately if he returned to British Columbia, decided to return to British Columbia, where he thought he would be safe.

The Canadian authorities were waiting for him. He landed at Victoria on October 22 and was detained by the immigration authorities pending a decision on action by the military department. He was released and allowed to come to Vancouver, but was always kept under strict observation. He was arrested here on November 12. The charge was preferred by the Calgary police at the instance of Lieutenant Tweedale, of the district intelligence department here, who handled the case on behalf of the Canadian authorities.

Disappeared From Calgary.

Van Koolbergen disappeared from Calgary some three years ago after having been engaged for some time in the financial and real estate business in that city. After his departure a forged cheque was found in his desk, and it was on this charge that he was apprehended. He was found guilty and is now serving a two-year term in the prison at Lethbridge. In Calgary he went under the name of Van Montfort.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—J. H. Van Koolbergen, mentioned in the revelations in San Francisco, was arrested while with the First Canadian Contingent and returned to Calgary, where he had enlisted, on a charge of forgery. He was tried and found guilty and is now in a western jail serving a sentence of twelve months.

STATES OBJECTS TO REMOVAL OF GERMANS

Washington, Dec. 15.—Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, was expected to deliver to the French foreign office to-day the American note asking for the immediate release of the six Germans and Austrians recently removed by the French cruiser Descares from the American steamships Carolina, Coamo and San Juan.

Although friendly in tone, the communication is an emphatic protest against the removal of the men, which, it declared, was in flagrant violation of American rights and without legal justification.

DECLARES CONTRACTS NEED INVESTIGATION

Deputy Simyan Tells French Chamber Government is Being Defrauded

Paris, Dec. 15.—During the debate in the chamber yesterday, several criticisms were made of relations between the war ministry and certain individuals who are selling supplies to the government.

It was asserted that the ministry had dealt with persons whose sole occupation hitherto had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as unworthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

Deputy Julien Antoine Simyan said this was scandalous and even criminal. And that a government official, who, being informed of the facts, declined to strike the guilty persons, became an accomplice. M. Simyan declared that proper precautions had not been taken and that excessive prices had been paid for supplies.

An attack was made by M. Simyan upon those who are conducting for private gain enterprises described as charitable. One woman, he said, had been condemned twenty-one times for this offence, but still was operating.

Another abuse, the deputy continued, consisted in paying large sums of account, in violation of the usual procedure, when contracts for supplies were signed. He said that for one year officials had been discussing what action should be taken against a contractor who owes 2,000,000 francs (\$490,000) to the government.

Interesting Facts.

M. Simyan continued his attacks on contractors, heedless of numerous deputies who attempted to interrupt him. He demanded that the chamber council Joseph Thierry, under-secretary of state for subsistence, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs, asserting that many interesting facts concerning purchases of war supplies had not been brought to light.

He said thirty thousand horses had been purchased from an English dealer for about 60,000,000 francs (\$12,000,000). Information regarding this transaction, he said, had been furnished by a man named de Bray, who, according to the deputy's information, had received a fantastic commission. Inquiry now had developed the fact, he continued, that this intermediary was no other than the Marquis Crevecoeur, former associate of Henry Rochette, who fled to Mexico after being convicted and sentenced to prison on a charge of swindling.

CURTISS AEROPLANES FOR BRITISH FORCES

New York, Dec. 15.—It was said in the financial district to-day that the Curtiss Aeroplane company has closed a contract with the British government for \$15,000,000 worth of aeroplanes. In the fiscal year ended October 31, the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aeroplanes and motors, most of which went to the British government.

EAST GREEK MACEDONIA GIVEN OVER TO ALLIES

London, Dec. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that virtually all of Eastern Greek Macedonia has now been abandoned to the French and British forces, in accordance with the agreement reached with the Greek government.

Most of the Greek troops which were at Salonica have retired in the direction of Sofiovitich and Kozani, in Western Greek Macedonia, while the division which was at Lancia has gone to Serez.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON GREECE DISCONTINUED

Paris, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Athens to the Havas Agency, dated Dec. 13, says: "The ministers of the quadruple entente, according to the Greek press, officially informed Premier Skouloudis that the economic coercion had been discontinued and that Greek ships detained in the ports of the allied nations would be released."

CREW NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE S. S. MINNESOTA

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Captain Garlick and C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship company, refused to permit anyone excepting steamship and government officials to board the Minnesota to-day.

In keeping with the isolation of the vessel, members of the crew were not allowed to leave the vessel until the inquiry had been concluded.

NOT CONSIDERED.

Geneva, Dec. 15.—The American note on the Ancona was considered at a special meeting of the Austrian cabinet to-day, according to advices received here from Vienna. It is understood that the Austrian reply will be conciliatory despite the deep resentment with which Austrians are inclined to view the attitude of the United States.

MRS. LYON'S ACHES AND PAINS

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SAY SIXTY PER CENT. TAKEN BY INVESTORS

Statement by J. P. Morgan & Co. Regarding Anglo-French Bonds

New York, Dec. 15.—Sixty per cent. of \$200,000,000 of the Anglo-French bonds handled by the American syndicate, has been taken for investment, according to an announcement made this afternoon by J. P. Morgan & Company, leaving \$200,000,000 in the hands of the underwriters.

Of the bonds bought for investment, says the statement, "the larger part naturally was taken by participants who joined the syndicate with the idea of withdrawing their bonds immediately and thus obtaining the benefit of the syndicate price."

The amount of cash which the syndicate managers are distributing to those who did not withdraw their bonds for investment amounts to between 10 and 11 per cent. of amount of participation.

The cash payments of ten to eleven per cent. represent the difference between 95, the selling price to the public, and 84, the participation price. Representatives of the syndicates declined to comment upon the heaviness of the bonds in to-day's market.

ADVISED TO LEAVE.

Paris, Dec. 15.—According to a dispatch to the Temps from Salonica, the Austro-Hungarian consulate has advised Austrians and Hungarians to leave that city.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Winnipeg cash market was dull, deadily dull in fact, though premiums were maintained without change all morning. Oats were not wanted any more than wheat. The cash and export situations are closely allied at the present time. Export is being confined mainly to stocks now at seaboard and export houses are avoiding new obligations entailing all-rail shipments until such time as they have a better line-up on what the railways will be able to do in that direction. A dull close followed a dull day.

December closed at 107, and May at 111, a drop for December of 4 and a gain for May of 4. Oats closed with December at 38 and May at 41, a drop for December and May of 6.

Wheat—Open. Close. Dec. 194 1/2 194 1/2 May 194 1/2 194 1/2 Oats—Dec. 38 38 May 41 41 Flax—Dec. 184 184 May 184 184

Winnipeg cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor. 107; 2 Nor. 104; 3 Nor. 100; No. 4, 97. Oats—2 C. W. 34; 3 C. W. 34; extra 1 feed, 33; 1 feed, 32; 2 feed, 31. Flax—1 N. W. C. 190; 3 C. W. 177.

METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Lead offered \$5.40; spelter, \$17.75@18.25. Copper steady; electrolytic, \$19.75@20.00. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin steady; spot, \$27.50@28.00.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

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FIRMEST OF LIST WAS CORONATION STOCK DEALINGS IN WALL STREET NARROW

Offers of Lilloet Issue Raised to Eleven Cents; Granby Advanced

Offers of Coronation were raised another cent, the bid price holding fast at ten. This was the strongest issue of the local list. Granby gained two dollars, making yesterday's loss and putting on one point to Monday's closing level. The recent break in this stock is still unaccounted for except for the fact that unexpected offerings were not absorbed at a moment's notice.

Stocks dropped back a few cents and Lucky Jim recorded further weakness, bearing out the rule of four consecutive sessions. There was a \$500 offering of Mount Talmie University School 4 per cent. debentures at par to yield 8 per cent.

	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	100.00	102.00
Can. Copper Corp.	2.00	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	60.00	62.00
Can. Cons. & R.	130.00	132.00
Coronation Gold	10.00	12.00
Granby	79.00	81.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	59.00	61.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	65.00	67.00
McGillivray Coal	14.00	16.00
Portland Canal	91.00	93.00
Ranbair Coal	17.00	19.00
Red Cliff	17.00	19.00
Standard Lead	1.96	2.02
Stewart	15.00	17.00
Stewart M. & D.	75.00	77.00
Slocan Star	17.00	19.00
Stewart Lead	7.00	9.00
Victoria Photo	115.00	117.00
Unlisted		
American Marconi	1.75	4.25
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.25
Glacier Creek	4.00	4.25
Island Investment	22.00	24.00
Union Club (deb), new	90.00	92.00
Dee. old Cariboo Brew.	60.00	62.00
Portland Tunnels	26.00	28.00
Victoria Opera Debs.	90.00	92.00
Howe Sound M. Co.	4.10	4.25
Pingree Mines	10.00	12.00
University School deb.	4 p.c.	100.00

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)

Montreal, Dec. 15.—There was another dull and featureless local market to-day. The recent activity in the specialties has disappeared and the business is confined mostly to the Steel shapes and Dominion Bridge. The steels, especially Nova Scotia, look strong, even on small business. Nova Scotia Steel, while showing no net gain to-day, looks well at 113, where the bulk of the business in that stock was done. If the undertone indicates anything there should be a higher market in the steel in the near future.

GOVERNMENT REPORT GAVE MIXED FEELING

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Cables, Dec. 15.—Indifferent Liverpool cables met a poor response in the Chicago market to-day, as opening prices were above the previous close. The strong buying that developed later was due to the strength in northwestern markets, which was induced by expectations of a sharp falling off in the northwestern movement in the near future. In spite of the heavy country receipts, shipments of wheat and flour from those markets for the day were considerably in excess of the receipts. The market broke later on pit selling, many construing the government report issued during the trading as rather bearish. Others gave a bullish construction to the official figures.

Predictions of bad weather and reports to the effect that many of the frosted sections were bidding for corn extensively in parts where this cereal is usually plentiful to go to feeders, induced heavy short covering and some investment buying, which carried prices up.

Wheat—Open High Low Close. Dec. 116 1/2 117 1/2 117 1/2 117 1/2 May 117 1/2 118 1/2 118 1/2 118 1/2 July 119 119 1/2 119 1/2 119 1/2

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Short Ribs—Dec. 9.75 9.75 9.75 9.75 May 9.75 9.75 9.75 9.75 July 9.75 9.75 9.75 9.75

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Lieuts. Skelton and McClagan, of the 103rd Battalion, C. E. F.; Lt.-Col. Henniker, O. C., have returned after a five-days' trip up the island, during which they visited Duncan, Ladysmith, and Nanaimo. Their trip was not purely for the purpose of signing up recruits, but also for the purpose of generally mapping out the district, and establishing centres at which recruits might be sworn in. At Duncan, where they stayed for two days, they signed on ten men in the first few hours, and established a recruiting office in charge of Sgt. Doney and Pte. Owen. From Duncan they went on to Ladysmith, where they had a cool reception. Most of the young men of this place, they reported on their return, seemed to have no worry about enlisting, nor would they promise to think in the future. So the two officers made only a short stay there.

In Nanaimo they had a very different reception. Recruits came in slowly but steadily the whole time they were there. An office was opened on Commercial street, in charge of Cpl. Coombs, who was delayed from going with the 47th Battalion owing to typhoid fever. Half a dozen men from Nanaimo arrived by train yesterday afternoon for the purpose of joining the battalion, and each day, it is anticipated, will see a small number coming in from the same centre. It is expected, moreover, that after the Christmas holidays the number of applicants will greatly increase.

The officers wish to express their thanks to Rev. Stevens and Mr. Blevin for kindness shown them in Duncan and district, and also to Dr. Baillie and Mr. Matland-Douglas for assistance rendered and still being rendered in the securing of recruits; and in Nanaimo to Mayor Planta and officials for able assistance which they gave; also to Mr. Goodman and Alderman Boyden for the loan of an office which has been turned into a recruiting centre for the district.

The needs of the battalion are being looked after in the new drill hall, and it is expected that at least 300 men will join from the upper part of the island before the next few weeks pass. The unit is now very well established in its new quarters at the drill hall, and as the new recruits come in they are given their issue of blankets and sleeping kit, and settle down in barracks with the men who have been with the unit since the beginning. The quartermaster announced this morning that probably on Saturday next all the men would have their uniforms, as these are expected to arrive tomorrow morning. As there are already nearly 400 men on the strength, this will make quite a good showing for recruiting parade that will no doubt be held within the next week or two.

The new quarters are being arranged and re-arranged, always with a view to the greater comfort of the men. A hospital, to be shared jointly by the 103rd and the 56th Gordon Highlanders, has been fitted up by Mrs. Cowie and members of the Florence Nightingale and others. Chapters of the L. O. D. E. Up to the present, however, this has not been much in use.

To-day or to-morrow the members of the base company of the 1st Canadian Pioneer, now quartered at the new drill hall and attached to the 103rd, will undergo inoculation in readiness for departure for the front at an early date.

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WALTER FOSTER'S QUERY.

To the Editor.—Walter Foster says: I have a list of capable machinists waiting for work. It is common knowledge that W. F. is bitterly opposed to the trades unions in their attempt to make conditions better for the class to which he belongs, and I am sorry to say that his bitterness carries him so far away that to gain his end he is prepared to injure other men than trades unionists. I may suggest to him that even if these men were unable to pass the stringent test required by the British authorities, which required men not to make shells particularly, but that would be expected to do special work, these men who are left have to live, and the slenderest suggestion he makes is uncalled for. The men whose names I have are capable men and I can assure my friend that only three are trades unionists. I am not so vindictive as friend Foster, but I can assure W. F. that these men will have a proper return for their labor.

As regards agitators, I am proud to belong to a class that agitates for the workers to get a fair show, especially that not having the same opportunities for graft; the graft that is so much in evidence in the many scandals that keep cropping up. They should at least have a fair return for their labor.

JOHN DAY.

LIGHTS IN JITNEYS.

To the Editor.—I am very glad to see by the papers that an agitation has been started to have the jitneys carry lights inside the cars. This is a matter which should have been attended to long ago, for a lady friend of mine some few days ago had an experience which shows the need of lights inside the jitneys. She got in one which was empty at the corner of Yates and Douglas street, but soon it was filled up by a number of men who were suffering from the effects of dining not wisely but too well. Not only was there not enough room to suit the occupants of the car, but one of the occupants of the car displayed a familiarity which was the reverse of pleasing. The night was dark and stormy, and as the jitney was rattling along at a good pace the lady found it difficult to communicate with the driver and tell him that she must get out of the car. Fortunately this lady knows enough of the world not to tolerate the sort of treatment one of the men was disposed to accord her, but suppose she had been an innocent young girl, the case might have been different. I am sure that all thinking persons will at once admit that there should be lights inside the jitneys, so that the drivers can keep an eye upon the occupants of the car. I may be told that if women don't like to take chances in jitneys they should take a street car. It is not always convenient to do so, and besides as the jitneys are playing for hire and are regulated by the authorities I do not see why they are not compelled to have lights inside their cars so as to remedy the condition of affairs that I have described. I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will try and convince the proper authorities that they should look into this matter and apply the remedy before something happens of which we will all be ashamed.

CITIZEN.

WEST COAST LIFE-SAVING STATIONS.

To the Editor.—The real life savers on a rough stormy coast always have been those who reside on it and are accustomed to the tide rips and currents as well as the shore line of the coast. It is ridiculous to think that a lot of grafters on governments are going to be of much use even when supplied with every means that money or invention can provide. It must be a striking comment on the condition of things on the west coast when during a stormy time and with a known wreck the crew of the lifeboat betook themselves to bed. On another occasion recently one lifeboat was destroyed through neglect of the man in charge in not securing a proper anchorage in harbor.

The Indians in time past have usually been the means of saving life in their canoes when all other means failed. Being looked upon as children and wards of the state, very little credit has been given to them, and any kind of reward for saving life has been grudgingly given. Strange to say, the only people who have recognized their work are the officials of the United States and private individuals. There is very little chance for the services of a lifeboat on this coast, and when the need called for it, men and Indians with an efficient crew, who might be paid would willingly, as in other places, risk their lives in saving others when voluntarily called upon.

If the much talked-of road along the coast were anything but a name, a rocket apparatus, at various dangerous places, and manned with local help of settlers, would amply suffice for ordinary cases. As has been proved, in almost every case where a ship has gone on the rocks, it is tempting Providence for any lifeboat to approach, and the ships have usually been wrecked with two or three steamers lying near by waiting to save any castaway.

The present system, inaugurated by government officials with the best of motives, appears to be a system well calculated to spend money in the least efficient way. There is supposed to be a linesman in charge of every ten miles of telegraph line along this coast, who is paid at the high rate of \$5 a month to look after the line alone. He is authorized to call in-aid whenever he needs it. A good walking trail runs along the whole coast, the line has recently been rebuilt and made up to date, and there is not much for these

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men to do except walk the trail. Why cannot these men who are supposed to know the coast line and its waters be employed to save life and call in aid when needed, especially if a decent road was constructed? Why cannot men who are trying to make a struggle for existence by living as local settlers on this coast get some encouragement from the Dominion or local government, instead of a number of men who have no stake in the country and are only there because they have had a pull with some government man to give them a highly-paid post with but little to do and away from all chance of being observed, whether his work is done or not? The impossibility of officials who sit in armchairs in offices of finding out what is really required except by hearsay, makes any kind of work on the west coast an opportunity for the inefficient but some times influential wire pullers to get an income.

Wrecks are less frequent than they were in sailing ship days, and what wrecks occur now can better be dealt with from the land than from the sea, with less risk and with more chance of saving life. The efficiency required is on the land side, not the sea, and a good road opening out the country along the sea front would be more efficient than any other means than could be thought of. It would also bring willing hands of local settlers to the rescue when needed.

WEST COAST.

DEVELOPING NEW TERRITORY.

R. W. MacIntyre Speaks on Engineering Problems in Alberta and Saskatchewan Prior to Provincial Organization.

An interesting account of public works in the Northwest Territories prior to the organization of the provincial governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1905, was given to the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, Victoria branch, at a meeting last evening by R. W. MacIntyre, who was assistant engineer in the department of public works of the territorial government.

He illustrated his address with a number of lantern slides, showing principally road and bridge construction. He pointed out how the department encouraged local effort by the settlers, and occasionally supplied the materials for them to do the work. With an area of half a million square miles, the department was only able to do a fraction of the work required, its appropriation running from only about \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year. Mr. MacIntyre emphasized that the engineer has to consider other factors besides the engineering phase such as the local necessities and influences, and to weigh the representations of various people, to determine whether they are acting in the public for selfish interests. In doing that he has to bring mature judgment to bear, and avoid falling into the prejudices of others.

One of the most interesting features of the lecture was the description of the landslide at Frank, Alberta, where 70 people were killed, and where there was a large destruction of property through mining operations having un-

dermined and caused the side of a mountain to roll into the valley. Mr. MacIntyre was called in to build a road through the slide, and he described how difficult it was to secure a satisfactory grade.

One of the chief problems experienced by the engineers in Alberta, he said, was the rush of water in the spring when the snows melted, or a cloudburst occurred, which was calculated to carry away any bridge not substantially constructed. Instead of endeavoring to build high level bridges with long approaches, it was found possible to economize by taking a lower level, and allowing the water to flow over the bridge floor if necessary, because the farmers did not object to a foot or two of water when driving to town. The lecturer made the remark in connection with hailage; that the horses would stand a seven per cent. grade well, but an increase of an additional one per cent. greatly decreased the haulage capacity of the team.

The chairman, H. W. E. Carnahan, introduced the lecturer, and at the close a number of questions were asked.

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That all the imbeciles in the four provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba should be cared for in an institution in British Columbia was the suggestion adopted late yesterday afternoon at the meeting of executive representatives of the four provinces. The matter will be further discussed by the executive of British Columbia and the other governments will later be acquainted of this province's position in the matter.

It has been felt that with the comparative fewness of the cases of people who have to be taken care of by the state in these provinces much saving might be effected by co-operation between the provinces to make one institution in each class do for all the provinces, dividing up between them the necessary buildings required.

The inter-provincial conference was held in the executive chamber at the parliament buildings, the Hon. W. J. Bowser presiding, there being present, from Manitoba, Hon. T. H. Johnson, minister of public works; Hon. J. R. Boyle, minister of education, Alberta; Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of railways, and Hon. G. A. Bell, provincial treasurer, Saskatchewan. The Hon. H. E. Young, minister of education for this province, and the Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, were also in attendance.

The question chiefly at issue was as to the disposal of the blind, the imbecile and the feeble minded children. It was suggested that as British Columbia possessed the best climate for this class of patient, owing to its facilities for open air work all the year round, imbeciles from all the four provinces should be cared for here; that Saskatchewan should look after the blind and Alberta the mentally defective children. Manitoba will continue to look after the incorrigible youth of both sexes in an institution there, and also the deaf and dumb.

Administration. The question of administration and disposal of the cost of these institutions naturally came before the conference, and it was decided that an advisory board will have supervision of the board to include representatives from all the four provinces.

The capital cost of the buildings by each of the various institutions will be borne by the province erecting it. The cost of maintenance will be borne proportionately to their use by the respective provinces. The new institutions are to be ready by the fall of 1917.

Hon. Dr. Young, minister of education, was to a great extent responsible for the conference which took place yesterday. When Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, was here some time ago, the British Columbia

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HOW COMMISSION DEALS WITH SOLDIERS

Statement of Procedure. Followed Sent to Dr. Young

The secretary of the military hospitals' commission has written Dr. Young, chairman in British Columbia of the returned soldiers' aid commission, regarding the treatment of returning soldiers from the time they arrive at Quebec. The letter is as follows:

"In accordance with the request made at the conference held this week in Ottawa I have the honor to inform you that the following is the procedure with regard to invalid returned soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force:

"On arrival at Quebec they are taken to the discharge depot, where each man is examined by a medical board, which decides whether he requires further medical or surgical treatment, whether his disability will be improved by a stay in a convalescent home sanatorium, or other institution, and whether he appears to have a claim for pension."

"Those who are not likely to be benefited by treatment in a convalescent home but are shown to have a claim for pension are discharged, and provided with transportation to their homes. In addition, they are given one month's pay in accordance with their rank (\$1.10 per day and upwards), together with one month's subsistence allowance at 75 cents per day and any accrued pay. Provided that, except in special cases, only \$10 will be given to any man at Quebec, and the balance will be sent to him by cheque by the officer commanding the discharge depot, to the care of the A. D. M. S. of the division or district to which the man proceeds; to be delivered to him on registering his address in person or by letter. Subsequent pay and allowance will be issued monthly from headquarters at Ottawa, until the claim for pension has been disposed of, when discharge from this service will be carried out.

"Those requiring treatment are sent either to a military hospital or to a convalescent home, or some other institution, as the medical board may decide, and will there undergo such treatment as may be prescribed, until it is decided by the medical authorities that the disability does not call for further treatment, or that it is of a permanent nature. Such men will receive pay, and separation allowance will be continued, until their claim for pension has been dealt with, when discharge from the service will be carried out. Subsidence allowance is not, of course, paid to men in hospitals, convalescent homes, or other institutions.

"Those who do not require treatment and are not shown to have a claim for pension, are provided by the officer commanding the discharge depot with transport to their homes, and with any outstanding pay due to them and their discharge is carried out forthwith.

"All soldiers entitled to an honorable discharge are permitted to retain their uniforms."

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